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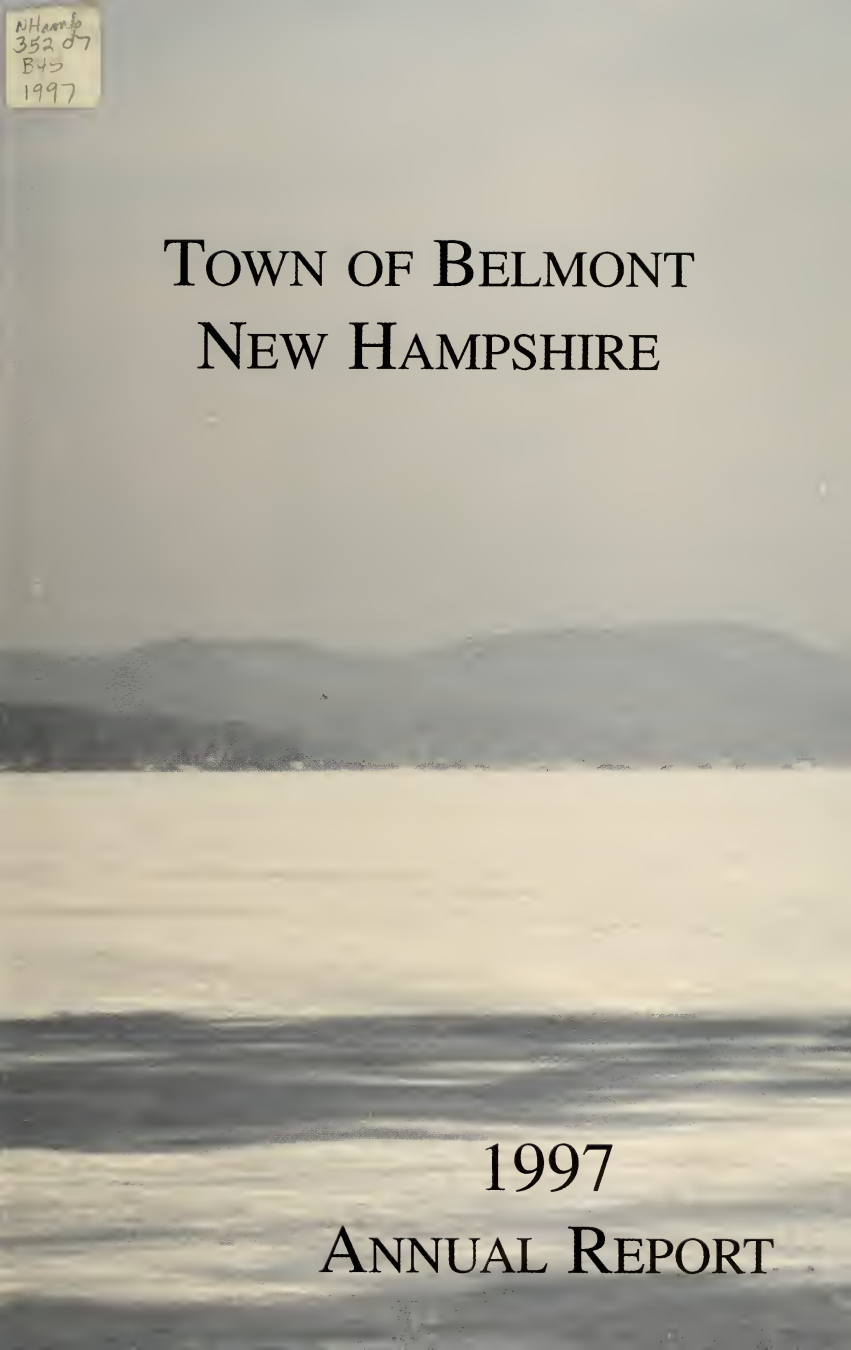

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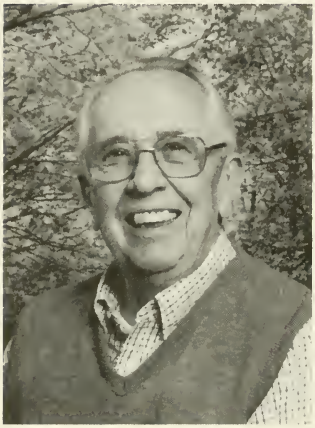

Robert F. Normandin
July 22, 1927–September 25, 1997

This Town Report is dedicated to the memory of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Robert F. Normandin. On September 25, 1997, the Town of Belmont lost one of its most accomplished and dedicated residents, Robert Normandin. As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, "Bob" was a visionary and a voice of reason. His contributions to the Town of Belmont will endure for many years to come. While it is an honor to dedicate this Town report to Bob, the residents of the Town of Belmont owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Thank you Bob for your many years of service as a Selectmen, resident and neighbor.

Town of Belmont

Note: The picture on the cover of this year's Town report was taken from the shore of Lake Winnisquam on the parcel of land recently purchased by the Town. Bob spent a great deal of his life and career as a biologist studying this lake. It is truly fitting that a report dedicated to his memory features a cover with a picture of one of Bob's true loves, Lake Winnisquam.

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TOWN OF BELMONT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:	AMBULANCE/MEDICAL AID	524-1545 or 911
	FIRE DEPARTMENT	524-1545 or 911
	POLICE DEPARTMENT	267-6511 or 911

Description	Business	Contact
Assessor's Office	267-8300	Office
Astro Waste Services	524-6646	Residential Trash Pick-up
Automobile Registrations	267-8302	Doralyn Harper
Beautification Committee	267-8510	James Woodbury
Budget Committee	267-8300	Diane Marden
Building Inspector	267-8300	Gary Boisvert
Canine Control	267-8350	Police Department
Cemetery Trustees	267-7377	William Ekberg
Civic Profile Steering Committee	267-6782	Kathy Sweeney
Code Enforcement	267-8300	Gary Boisvert
Commissioner to Lakes Region		
Planning Commission	267-6895	Donald Pugh
Conservation Commission	267-8300	Diane Marden
Emergency Management Director	267-8333	Albert Akerstrom III
Fire Department Non-Emergency	267-8333	Albert Akerstrom III
Forest Fire Warden	267-8333	Albert Akerstrom III
General Assistance	267-8300	Donna Cilley
Government Study Committee	267-1676	Alvin Nix, Jr.
Health Department	267-8300	Gary Boisvert
Highway Department	267-8329	Luther Brown
Laconia Transfer Station	528-5822	Permit Required-Town Hall
Library	267-8331	Joanne Ricard
Library Trustees	267-6124	Dawn Kidd
Moderator	528-2263	Steven Fournier
Old Home Day Committee	267-6514	Pat Crockett
Police Department Non-Emergency	267-8350	Lori Walker
Planning Board	267-8300	Candace Daigle
Public Works Committee	524-3096	Kenneth Knowlton
Recreation Commission	267-8424	Robert Court
Schools—Belmont Elementary	267-6568	Office
Belmont High	267-6525	Office
Canterbury Elementary	783-9944	Office
School Board	524-2679	Thomas Goulette
School Treasurer	267-8293	Gerd Stewart
Selectmen	267-8300	Matthew Upton
Shaker Regional School District		
SAU #46	753-6561	Office
Sewer Commission	267-8301	Frank Clairmont
Supervisors of the Checklist	524-7097	Constance Mirski
Tax Collector	267-8302	Doralyn Harper
Town Accountant	267-8300	Brenda Paquette
Town Administrator	267-8300	Matthew Upton
Town Clerk	267-8302	Doralyn Harper
Town Treasurer	267-8300	Gerd Stewart

Trustees of Trust Funds	267-6387	Suzanne Roberts
Water Commission	267-8301	Frank Clairmont
Zoning Board of Adjustment	267-8300	Candace Daigle

TOWN OF BELMONT BUSINESS HOURS

Belmont Town Offices:	Monday through Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fire Department:	Monday through Friday	6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Library:	Monday & Wednesday	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	12:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Thursday	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

TOWN OF BELMONT LEGAL HOLIDAYS

New Years Day	January 1st
Civil Rights Day	January 19th
President's Day	February 16th
Memorial Day	May 25th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 7th
Columbus Day	October 12th
Veterans Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	November 26th
Christmas Day	December 25th

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Beautification Committee	As Required	
Board of Selectmen	First & Third Tuesday	5:30 PM
Budget Committee (Nov.–March)	Every Tuesday	7:00 PM
Cemetery Trustees	As Required	
Civic Profile Steering Committee	As Required	
Conservation Commission	Third Tuesday	7:00 PM
Fire Department	Second Monday	7:00 PM
Government Study Committee	As Required	
Library Trustees	As Required	
Old Home Day Committee	As Required	
Planning Board (Work Session)	Second Monday	7:00 PM
Planning Board (Public Hearing)	Fourth Monday	7:00 PM
Public Works Committee	As Required	
Recreation Commission	As Required	
Sewer Commission	As Required	
Supervisor of the Checklist	As Required	
Trustee of Trust Funds	As Required	
Water Commission	As Required	
Winnisquam Rec. Dev. Committee	Every Wednesday	7:00 PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Third Wednesday	7:00 PM

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
FIRST COUNCILOR DISTRICT
SECOND STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Judd Gregg of Greenfield
Robert Smith of Tuftonboro

STATE SENATOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Edward (Ned) Gordon

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Gordon E. Bartlett of Belmont
James Pilliod of Belmont
John H. Thomas of Belmont

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John Sununu

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

Raymond Burton

NH STATE GOVERNOR

Jeanne Shaheen

HISTORY OF BELMONT

Granted May 20, 1727, as a part of GILMANTON
Incorporated June 21, 1859 as UPPER GILMANTON
Incorporated June 24, 1869 as BELMONT

Total Area: Land 29.8 square miles
Water 1.6 square miles

Population: 1970 Census 2,493
1980 Census 4,026
1990 Census 5,796

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	-Fiscal Year Begins
January 21	-First day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
January 31	-Last day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
March 10	-Annual Town Meeting
March 14	-Annual Town Meeting
March 20	-Annual School District Meeting
March 2	-Last day to file for Veteran's Exemption
March 2	-Last day for qualified persons over 65 to apply for Optional Adjusted Elderly Exemption
March 2	-Last day to file for Abatements for previous years property taxes
April 1	-All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner this date
April 15	-Last day for taxpayers to apply for Current Land Use Assessment RSA 79-A:5,II
July 1	-First half of semi-annual tax billing commences to draw interest at 12%
December 1	-Unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12%
December 31	-Fiscal year closes

TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David Mika	1999
Ward Peterson	1998
Donna Cilley	2000

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ronald Mitchell, Chrm.	1998
Kenneth Knowlton	1998
Donald McLelland	1998
Reginald Caldwell	1999
Norma L. Patten	1999
Gary S. Flack	2000
Steven Fournier	2000
Lise DeHart	1998
Leslie Roberts	2000
Alvin Nix	2000
Romeo Clairmont	1998
Michael Blanchard	1999

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Norma L. Patten	1999
William Ekberg	1998
Judith Pilliod	2000

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dawn Kidd, Chrm.	1999
Frankie Pugh	2000
Lincoln Noel	1998

MODERATOR

Steven Fournier	1998

PLANNING BOARD

Reginald Caldwell, Chrm.	2000
Gary S. Flack	1999
Helmut Busack	2000
Claude Patten Jr.	1998
Peter Harris	1999
Vacancy	

CHIEF OF POLICE
Michael P. McCarty

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSIONADMINISTRATOR
Donald Pugh

Ward Peterson, Select. Rep.	1998

ROAD AGENT
Luther Brown

SCHOOL BOARD

Peter McDonald, Chrm	2000
Thomas Goulette	2000
Robert Lemay	1998
Mary Jo Haney	1998
Thomas Garfield	1999

SCHOOL TREASURER
Gerd Stewart

SEWER COMMISSION

Richard Fournier, Chrm.	1999
Ward Peterson	2000
Arthur C. Stewart	1998

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Constance Mirski, Chrm.	2003
Jane W. McLetchie	2002
Audrey A. EkberG	2001

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Doralyn M. Harper	1998

TOWN TREASURER

Gerd Stewart	1999

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Suzanne S. Roberts	1999
David R. Caron	2000
Everett W. Bailey	1998

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Gary G. Boisvert

LIBRARIAN
Joanne L. Ricard

PLANNING AND ZONING
Candace L. Daigle

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Brian Waterson, Chrm	1998
Fred O. Wheeler, Jr.	1999
Kenneth G. DeHart	1998
John Peterson	2000

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR
Carol A. Lacasse

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER
Audrey Ekberg

DIRECTOR OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE
Donna J. Cilley

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
Albert Akerstrom, III

FIRE CHIEF
Albert Akerstrom, III

FIRE CHIEF/DEPUTY
Richard Siegel

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Albert Akerstrom, III

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE
Alvin E. Nix Jr.
Robert Atherton
Cheryl Ellis
James Pilliod
Kenneth DeHart
David Caron
Vickie Donovan
Richard Casarano
Sandra St. Lawrence

LAND USE SECRETARY
Elaine Murphy

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pugh, Chrm.	1998
Alvin Nix, Jr.	1999
Norma L. Patten	1999
Gary S. Flack	1998
Albert W. Woglom	1998

PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Kenneth Knowlton, Chrm
Reginald Caldwell
Gary S. Flack
Ronald Mitchell
Leslie E. Roberts

RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert Court, Chrm.	2000
James E. Smith	1998
Vacancy	
Vacancy	
Vacancy	

SECRETARY/BUDGET COMMITTEE/ CONSERVATION COMMISSION/FIRE DEPARTMENT/SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
Diane M. Marden

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY
Marcey Harriman

SEWER/WATER DEPARTMENT CLERK
Pam Barriault

SEWER/WATER SUPERINTENDENT
Francis R. Clairmont

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Brenda Paquette

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Matthew Upton

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR CLERK
Terry Ralls

WATER COMMISSION

Charles H. Hampe, Chrm.	1998
David A. Rolfe	
Frederic J. Greene	1998

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Edward F. Hawkins	2000
John P. Giere	2000
Pauline E. Eastman	1998
Richard A. Fournier	1998
Paul Rushlow	1999

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS.

You are hereby notified to meet for the 1997 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Belmont, to be holden in two session as follows:

FIRST SESSION

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 11th day of March next, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Total number of voters on the checklist	3512
Total number of regular ballots cast	390
Total number of absentee ballots cast	17
Total number of ballots cast	407
Total number of ballots spoiled	01
Total number of new registrations day of voting	19

Votes cast for Town Officers were as follows:

FOR SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS:

ALBERT CARISTA	99
DONNA J. CILLEY	281

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS (Vote for 4)

MARK CONDODEMETRAKY	130
GARY FLACK	300
STEVEN W. FOURNIER	314
ALVIN E. NIX, JR.	238
LESLIE E. ROBERTS	331

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS

MICHAEL BLANCHARD	343

FOR PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS (Vote for 2)

HELMUT BUSACK	245
REGINALD CALDWELL	343

FOR TRUSTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

FRANKIE M. PUGH	368

FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS

DAVID CARON	365

FOR TRUSTEE OF THE CEMETERY FOR THREE YEARS

JUDITH B. PILLIOD	369

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR SIX YEARS

CONSTANCE MIRSKI	374

FOR SEWER COMMISSION FOR THREE YEARS

BRUCE AREY	155
WARD PETERSON	217

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

   Require that Manufactured Housing units brought into the Town of Belmont meet the minimum safety/construction standards of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development in place as of January 1, 1985 and amend definition of "Manufactured Housing" to match the State definition. (Article XII)

   YES 328 NO 60

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

   Adopt the State definition for "Recreational Vehicles". If there is more than one Recreational Vehicle on a tax lot, any additional unit(s) 320 square feet or larger in size shall be considered a structure. (Article XII)

   YES 209 NO 174

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

   Amend the method used to measure structure "height" and exempt aggregate processing plants (including, but not limited to, aggregate crushing and wash plants) from height restrictions. (Article IV.C)

   YES 217 NO 144

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

   Adopt the State definition for "Wetlands". (Article XII)

   YES 274 NO 100

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt regulations for the total number of freestanding signs/billboards allowed per lot, the maximum allowed size for each billboard and the total square footage of free standing signage allowed per lot. Also place all sign related sections of the Ordinance under one Article. (Articles IV.J. & XII)

YES 273 NO 106

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Require that lots in the Commercial Zone be used primarily for businesses and allow a residence on the lot *only* when there is a business operating on the property and occupancy of the residence is limited to the owner of that business. (Article X.F.2.)

YES 231 NO 150

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Demolition permit applications shall be signed by *both* the structure owner and the land owner and a copy filed with the Planning Board. (Article IV.F.)

YES 301 NO 77

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt a definition for fences and regulate the placement of fences. (Articles V.2. & XII)

YES 176 NO 199

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Clarify that "setback" required from roads shall be only from *public* road Right of Way and/or *public* road easement. (Article XII)

YES 268 NO 110

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Clarify that nonconforming buildings may be voluntarily demolished and rebuilt only if the nonconformity, the degree of nonconformity, and the dimensions of the existing structure within the setback are not increased. (Article VIII.B.2.)

YES 250 NO 123

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board

for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Change the method of appointing Zoning Board of Adjustment Members to election by the voters on the Official Ballot at Town Meeting. Include provisions for appointing five Alternate Members and for filling vacancies that occur between elections. (Article X.A.).

YES 266 NO 105

13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Restrict expansions of nonconforming buildings within the setback to 40%. If more than 75% of the original structure is voluntarily removed, the structure shall be considered removed entirely and shall be subject to the terms of the Ordinance for replacement. (Articles VIII.A.3.d. & g.)

YES 211 NO 155

14. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Prohibit the storage, processing, and application of wastewater treatment sludge/biosolids in all zones, including, but not limited to, sewage, paper and pulp mill sludge, whether it be wet, dry, composted, pelletized, mixed with other materials or injected on or into the land. (Articles V.1. & XII)

YES 181 NO 200

15. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Wetlands Conservation Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt definition for "Excavation" and require that Earth Excavation Operations maintain minimum setbacks from Wetlands and Water. (Articles IV & VII)

YES 272 NO 101

16. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Wetlands Conservation Ordinance, as follows:

Adopt the State's definition of Wetlands and include in definition of Wetlands Conservation District. Update the Ordinance to reflect the change in name of the State Wetlands agency. (Articles II.2, III.1, III.1.g, III.1.h., III.1.j., IV & VII)

YES 266 NO 109

17. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Wetlands Conservation Ordinance and Wetlands & Prime Wetlands Map & Report, as follows:

Areas identified in the Ordinance, Report and on the Map as "Prime Wetlands" shall be reclassified as "Prime Wetlands *Candidates*" only. This will allow additional information to be submitted before making a final determination on whether an area is a Prime Wetland and any

errors found in the existing information can be corrected at the Town level *without* making application to the State of NH, Wetlands Bureau (Articles II.3., IV, VII.j., Wetlands & Prime Wetlands Map & Report)

YES	265	NO	102

RESULTS OF THE BALLOTS CAST:

As a result of ballots cast, the following were elected:

Selectman for three years	Donna J. Cilley
Budget Committee for three years	Gary Flack
	Steven W. Fournier
	Alvin E. Nix, Jr.
	Leslie E. Roberts
Budget Committee for two years	Michael Blanchard
Planning Board for three years	Helmut Busack
	Reginald Caldwell
Trustee of the Public Library for three years	Frankie M. Pugh
Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years	David Caron
Trustee of the Cemetery for six years	Judith B. Pilliod
Supervisor of the Checklist for six years	Constance Mirski
Sewer Commission for three years	Ward Peterson

Question Number 2	Passed
Question Number 3	Passed
Question Number 4	Passed
Question Number 5	Passed
Question Number 6	Passed
Question Number 7	Passed
Question Number 8	Passed
Question Number 9	Defeated
Question Number 10	Passed
Question Number 11	Passed
Question Number 12	Passed
Question Number 13	Passed
Question Number 14	Defeated
Question Number 15	Passed
Question Number 16	Passed
Question Number 17	Passed

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk

BELMONT TOWN MEETING
SECOND SESSION

The SECOND SESSION SHALL BE HOLDEN AT THE Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire, on the 15th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon by Moderator Steven Fournier.

The moderator introduced the head table as follows:

Matthew Upton, Town Administrator
David Mika, Selectman
Donna Cilley, Selectman
Robert Normandin, Selectman
Ronald Mitchell, Budget Committee
Doralyn Harper, Town Clerk
Carol Lacasse, Deputy Town Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Moderator Steven Fournier.

A prayer was offered by Doralyn Harper, Town Clerk.

The Oath of Office was given to the following individuals by Moderator Steven Fournier:

Donna Cilley, Selectman
Michael Blanchard, Budget Committee
Leslie Roberts, Budget Committee
Constance Mirski, Supervisor of the Checklist
Judith Pilliod, Trustee of the Cemetery
Frankie Pugh, Trustee of the Public Library

Doralyn Harper, Town Clerk, gave the Oath of Office to:

Steven Fournier, Budget Committee
David Caron, Trustee of the Trust Funds

The Moderator noted that the 1996 Town Report was dedicated to town employees and asked those present to stand. He also extended thanks to the Supervisors of the Checklist, Old Home Day Committee, and Kenneth Knowlton and Ronald Mitchell of the Budget Committee.

He also noted that Michael McCarty was recently recognized for 25 years of service to the Police Department and Karen McCarty's 25th anniversary of service was coming up soon.

Receiving applause was Leslie Roberts, who it was noted has served the town in various positions since 1953.

The Moderator laid down the ground rules for the meeting. He asked that all comments be directed to him and that all non-voters raise their hands to be recognized. All people will be asked to answer all questions that pertain to them but all questions are to be directed to the Moderator. He stated that all were to approach the mike, identify themselves, and to speak for only three minutes at most, stick to the subject-at-hand at all times, be courteous, and most of all be quick. He

will allow only one amendment to a motion at a time. All motions and amendments must be in a positive sense so that when voting, yes is in favor and no is not. Any new motions and amendments must be in writing and passed to Doralyn M. Harper, the Town Clerk.

Doralyn Harper recognized Lincoln Noel for his many years of service to the town and presented him a plaque from the Board of Selectmen for the time he gave on the Old Home Day Committee for many years, and served as Chairman from 1984 to 1996. He received a standing ovation. A copy of the presentation is included in this record.

Lincoln W. Noel

A native and life-long resident of Belmont, Linc Noel symbolizes the spirit of volunteerism and citizenship.
During World War II, stationed in New Guinea, he served as an Army Mess Sergeant for close to three years. He has belonged to the Charles F. Kilburn American Legion Post 58 ever since his return to Belmont in 1945. He served as Post Commander numerous times, and contributed his leadership and support to youth activities, Boys State, citizenship and scholarship.
Linc and his wife Jeannette, who celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary this year, bought the restaurant which was located on the corner of Main and Depot Streets and operated the business until the early 70's. They raised three daughters, all of whom are living in Belmont, and have 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.
He is also a member of the Lions Club, having received many awards over the years, and he served as District Governor from 1967 to 1968.
For the past seven years, Linc has served as a Library Trustee. While its probably not in the job description for a trustee, Linc can often be found on the Library grounds early in the morning during warm weather watering the many flowers and shrubs. As a former member of the Beautification Committee, who diligently planted flowers in front of Town Hall as well as in front of the library year after year, his "green thumb" ability has been observed by many.
Linc has given generously of his time to the Old Home Day Committee for many years, and served as Chairman from 1984 to 1996. He deserves much of the credit for the growth of Old Home Day, and for his constant search for new program features.
His persistent positive attitude has contributed to his successes and he has been an inspiration to many of those around him.
Please join me in congratulating Linc for all he has done for the Town of Belmont.

Moderator Fournier then stated that he would be reading the articles in order except for number 6. His intent is to get the secret ballot which is required by law done. The polls must be open for at least an hour. As soon as those in the hall have voted, we will start up the meeting again. We will then go to article 1 and he will read it and ask for a motion to accept the reports as written, a second and then discussion. Then we will have a voice vote. After that, we will go to article 2 through article 18.

ARTICLE #1 To hear and act upon the Reports of Committees.

Article #1 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Kenneth Knowlton. No discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #6 Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Belmont, based upon the assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, 45,000; for a person 80 years or older $60,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at

least five years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have net income of not more than $18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $26,500; and own net assets not in excess of $35,000.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article #6 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Ken Knowlton, seconded by Albert Akerstrom. There was no discussion. The polls were opened at 10:22 AM.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:45 AM, the polls will remain open until 11:22 AM.

ARTICLE #2 To see what the Town will do with the income from the John M. Sergent Trust Fund.

Article #2 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Mrs. West. There was no discussion. Article carried by a voice vote.

St. Joseph's Pantry	600.00
Shaker School District Prom Grad program	1000.00
Belmont Old Home Day	300.00
Belmont Baseball Organization	1000.00
Cub Scouts	200.00
Boy Scouts	200.00
Dare Program	700.00
Girl Scouts	300.00
Heavenly Sunshine Daycare	200.00
Baptist Church Food Pantry	400.00
Belmont Recreation	300.00
Total	5200.00

ARTICLE #3 To see if the Town will vote to establish a general cemetery maintenance fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, the income and principal in said fund to be totally expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees for purposes of cemetery maintenance, and to raise and appropriate $2,000 to be placed in this fund.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article #3 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Ken Knowlton, seconded by Albert Akerstrom. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $244,899 to purchase a new Fire Engine and to authorize the withdrawal of $145,311, plus interest, from the Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose, along with $50,000 from 1996 surplus funds. The remaining $49,558 is to come from general taxation.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #4 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept made by Reginald Caldwell, seconded by Rodney Pearl. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000 for the pur-

chase of a Defibrillator, Ambulance Cot, Mobile Computer & Related Software and to authorize the withdrawal of the entire $20,000 from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund established for that purpose.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article #5 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by John Thomas, seconded by Gordon Bartlett. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be added to the established Capital Reserve Fund for improvements to Cotton Hill Road in accordance with RSA Chapter 35.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article #7 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Ken Knowlton. There was no discussion. Article carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE #8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $187,222 for the reconstruction of highways, said appropriation to be funded by $123,105.82 from Highway Block Grant Funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, the balance of $64,116.18 to come from general taxation.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article #8 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Gordon Bartlett. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $69,200 to purchase a new Fire Engine for the Winnisquam Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of $19,701, plus interest, from the Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. The balance of $49,499 is to come from $25,500 in 1996 surplus funds and $23,999 to be raised from general taxation.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article #9 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept the article was made by Ken Knowlton, seconded by Albert Akerstrom. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #10 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a Public Works Facility and to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 to be placed in this fund.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article #10 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept the article was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Diane Marden. Discussion was held. Hyman Steiman was concerned with Wetlands. Donna Cilley said they would not encroach on any wetlands. This property is on Hurricane Road. This is all preliminary at this time. Carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #11 To see if the Town will vote to abolish the elected position of Road Agent and instead allow the Selectmen to appoint, supervise and oversee the appointed position of Director

of Public Works. The passage of this article will result in the appointment of a Public Works Director upon the expiration of the current Road Agent's term in March 1998. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Article #11 was read by the Moderator. Moved by Kenneth Knowlton, seconded by Diane Marden. Discussion was held. Linda Clairmont asked what was their rationale. Matthew Upton, Town Administrator explained that this position needs a person with a lot more experience. The board also has the full consent of Luther Brown the current Road Agent. If passed, this would be done in 1998. There was no further discussion. Carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE #12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $99,687 for Water Distribution and Treatment expenses for the ensuing year.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Article #12 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept the article was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Tom Murphy. Linda Clairmont asked the purpose of this article. Ron Mitchell explained that Article 12 & 13 are for Water and Sewer service to the town and are funded by Water and Sewer payments made by the users. There was no further discussion, carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $243,334 for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Article #13 was read by the Moderator. Motion to accept was made by Albert Akerstrom, seconded by Mrs. West. There was no discussion. Article carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,768,711 to fund the Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Line Item Recommend	Expended	Requested 1996 Bud. Comm.	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen
TOWN BUDGET	$2,725,176	$2,841,795	$2,723,611	$2,768,711
BUDGET DETAIL				
EXECUTIVE OFFICE				
Salary-Selectmen	5,667	7,500	7,500	7,500
Salary-Trustee, Trust Funds	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Salary-Moderator	525	225	225	225
Salary-Town Administrator	57,767	45,500	45,500	45,500
Salary-Exec. Secretary	25,067	26,392	26,392	26,392
Salary-Extra Hire	5,034	7,000	7,000	7,000
Salary-Overtime	797	1,000	1,000	1,000
Telephone	2,393	2,500	3,500	3,500
Postage	799	1,100	1,100	1,100
Service Contracts	5,564	5,000	5,000	5,000
Computer	2,894	3,800	3,800	3,800
Printing	190	200	200	200

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend
		Bud. Comm.		
Public Notice Expense	218	1,000	750	750
Advertising	871	1,000	750	750
Belknap City Registry	174	500	500	500
Conferences	319	1,200	1,200	1,200
Dues	1,099	1,200	1,200	1,200
LR Planning Commission	5,289	5,220	0	0
Books & Periodicals	1,214	1,300	1,300	1,300
Subscriptions	95	125	125	125
Training & Mileage	304	1,200	800	800
NHMA Dues	2,013	2,295	2,295	2,295
Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Equip Repairs & Maint.	1,823	550	555	555
Copier Lease—Service	0	1,620	1,620	1,620
Supplies	1,737	1,300	1,300	1,300
Stationary	215	275	275	275
Printing Town Report	3,370	3,800	3,800	3,800
Engineering Services	5,287	12,000	10,000	10,000
General Expense	258	500	500	500
TOTAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE	$132,985	$137,302	$130,187	$130,187
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS				
Salary-Town Clerk	16,168	16,897	16,897	16,897
Salary-Deputy Town Clerk	12,221	12,652	12,652	12,652
Salary-Ballot Clerks	1,620	400	400	400
Salary-Supervisors, Checklist	1,015	400	400	400
Salary-Extra Hire	8,461	8,000	8,000	8,000
Salary-Overtime	0	500	500	500
Telephone	529	1,125	600	600
Postage	576	500	500	500
Service Contracts	360	1,500	550	550
Printing	726	1,000	1,000	1,000
Advertising	170	300	300	300
Conferences	196	400	250	250
Dues	20	50	50	50
Meals	335	125	125	125
Equipment Maint & Repair	0	100	100	100
Supplies	806	800	700	700
Stationary	0	100	0	0
Forms	0	100	50	50
Supervisors Expense	2,618	700	1,500	1,500
TOTAL ELECT REG & VITALS	$46,000	$45,649	$44,574	$44,574
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				

Line Item Recommend	Expended	Requested 1996 Bud. Comm.	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen
Salary-Accountant	26,596	28,267	28,267	28,267
Salary-Treasurer	4,500	5,000	5,000	5,000
Salary-Tax Collector	16,168	16,897	16,897	16,897
Salary-Deputy Tax Collector	12,221	12,652	12,652	12,652
Salary-Overtime	651	700	600	600
Budget Committee Expenses	345	500	500	500
Telephone	290	700	400	400
Postage	4,368	7,000	5,000	5,000
Belknap County Registry	1,827	2,800	2,000	2,000
Title Search	640	1,600	1,000	1,000
Conferences	376	400	400	400
Dues	40	75	50	50
Equipment	0	500	0	0
Equipment Maintenance	0	250	100	100
Annual Audit	4,075	6,000	6,000	6,000
Supplies	411	400	400	400
Stationary	0	200	100	100
Tax Bill Forms	2,037	2,400	2,200	2,200
Treasurer General Expense	53	2,195	2,195	2,195
Accountant General Expense	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMIN	$79,099	$93,036	$88,261	$88,261
PROPERTY REVALUATION				
Property Appraisal Fees	20,400	8,500	8,500	8,500
Appraisal Fees-Appeals	0	8,000	8,000	8,000
TOTAL PROPERTY REVALUATION	$20,400	$16,500	$16,500	$16,500
LEGAL & JUDICIAL				
Salary-Town Administrator	0	13,500	13,500	13,500
Legal Expenses	37,381	7,000	7,000	7,000
Legal Expenses Dogs	0	100	0	0
Legal Expenses Damages	0	200	0	0
TOTAL LEGAL & JUDICIAL	$37,381	$20,800	$20,500	$20,500
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION				
Town Share FICA	31,163	32,177	32,177	32,177
Town Share Medicare	9,550	10,936	10,936	10,936
Town Share Health Insurance	54,174	58,400	58,400	58,400
Union Health Insurance	45,952	41,613	41,613	41,613
Disability & Life Insurance	5,037	6,460	6,460	6,460
Union Dental Insurance	2,616	2,999	2,999	2,999

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend
		Bud. Comm.		
Town Share Dental Insurance	0	4,099	4,099	4,099
Police Dept Retirement	10,354	13,786	13,786	13,786
Fire Dept Retirement	7,044	8,145	8,145	8,145
Employees Retirement	11,393	14,937	14,937	14,937
TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMIN				
PLANNING BOARD	$177,284	$193,552	$193,552	$193,552
Salary-Administrator	24,005	26,000	26,000	26,000
Salary-Clerk	9,286	12,140	12,140	12,140
Telephone	106	150	150	150
Postage	1,101	1,400	1,400	1,400
Printing	1,107	1,200	1,200	1,200
Public Notices	1,588	1,400	1,400	1,400
Legal Expenses	1,952	2,500	2,000	2,000
Publications	1,052	1,059	1,059	1,059
Supplies	271	350	350	350
Master Plan Update	2,480	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	$42,947	$48,199	$47,699	$47,699
ZONING BOARD				
Salary-Administrator	3,920	5,200	5,200	5,200
Salary-Clerk	2,217	2,239	2,291	2,291
Telephone	2	50	50	50
Postage	827	800	800	800
Public Notices	557	750	750	750
Legal Expenses	2,808	3,000	1,000	1,000
Publications	150	175	175	175
Training	0	200	200	200
Supplies	113	250	250	250
TOTAL ZONING BOARD	$10,593	$12,664	$10,716	$10,716
TAX MAP EXPENSES				
Tax Map Update Expenses	990	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL TAX MAP EXPENSES	$990	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS				
Building Repair & Maintenance	2,847	6,000	6,000	10,700
Electric	2,439	4,500	4,500	4,500
Heat	1,431	2,000	2,000	2,000

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend
		Bud. Comm.		
Water Rent	65	150	150	150
Sewer Rent	306	350	350	350
Hydrant Rent	9,600	10,000	10,000	10,000
Equipment	0	150	150	150
Custodial Services	1,680	2,000	2,000	2,000
Supplies	63	350	350	350
Ground Maintenance	4,279	6,000	6,000	6,000
TOTAL GEN GOVERNMENT BUILDING	$22,710	$31,500	$31,500	$36,200
CEMETERIES				
Cemetery General Expense	8,066	3,810	3,810	3,810
TOTAL CEMETERIES	$8,066	$3,810	$3,810	$3,810
INSURANCE				
NHMA Worker's Compensation	36,600	47,518	47,518	47,518
NHMA Liability Trust	49,108	65,000	65,000	65,000
Insurance Contingency	533	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL INSURANCE	$86,241	$113,518	$113,518	$113,518
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Salary-Police Chief	45,415	46,185	47,259	47,259
Salary-Sergeant #1	35,589	39,936	37,140	37,140
Salary-Sergeant #2	35,214	36,936	36,629	36,629
Salary-Sergeant #3	35,214	36,936	36,629	36,629
Salary-Patrolman #1	30,644	31,078	31,801	31,801
Salary-Patrolman #2	32,464	33,033	33,801	33,801
Salary-Patrolman #3	28,969	30,275	30,970	30,970
Salary-Patrolman #4	32,464	35,033	35,848	35,848
Salary-Patrolman #5	28,969	29,275	29,946	29,946
Salary-Patrolman #6	26,281	27,009	27,636	27,636
Salary-Patrolman #7	0	14,000	0	0
Salary-Secretary	22,870	25,147	24,691	24,691
Salary-Dog Control Officer	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Salary-Part Time Secretary	119	4,000	2,000	2,000
Salary-Holiday Pay	17,938	18,000	18,000	18,000
Salary-Special Duty Pay	5,358	5,000	5,000	5,000
Salary Adjustment		8,745	0	0
Salary-Overtime	27,194	25,400	24,300	24,300
Office Expense	1,035	1,200	1,200	1,200
Telephone	8,338	7,500	7,500	7,500
Uniforms	3,013	3,500	3,500	3,500

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend
		Bud. Comm.		
Electric	2,888	3,000	3,000	3,000
Heat	557	1,200	1,200	1,200
Water Rent	121	100	100	100
Sewer Rent	226	200	200	200
Postage	372	500	500	500
Mileage Reimburse-Dog Officer	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Service Contracts	1,730	2,275	2,275	2,275
Computer	1,023	2,000	2,000	2,000
Printing & Forms	1,054	1,000	1,000	1,000
Legal Expenses	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Conferences	1,500	1,500	750	1,500
Dues	225	275	275	275
Associations	9	50	50	50
Books & Periodicals	1,062	1,000	1,000	1,000
Professional Services	741	2,000	1,500	1,500
Training	2,400	2,500	3,500	3,500
Equipment	1,262	1,300	1,300	1,300
Special Equip (Ammunition)	975	1,000	1,000	1,000
Photo Lab & Blood Test	2,306	2,500	2,500	2,500
Medical Expenses	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Custodial Services	2,651	3,000	2,500	2,500
Investigation Expense	0	300	300	300
Supplies	1,554	1,500	1,500	1,500
Vehicle Repairs & Maint	4,056	5,000	4,500	4,500
Vehicle Fuel	6,016	7,000	7,000	7,000
Tires	1,344	2,000	2,000	2,000
Radio & Radar Repairs	2,498	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	$453,658	$508,888	$483,300	$484,050
AMBULANCE				
Salary-Training	3,670	8,400	8,400	8,400
Equipment	2,214	2,500	2,500	2,500
Medical Supplies	1,119	2,100	2,100	2,100
Medical Expenses	63	1,200	600	600
Comstar Fees	8,115	6,700	6,700	6,700
TOTAL AMBULANCE	$15,181	$20,900	$20,300	$20,300
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Salary-Fire Chief	39,959	43,900	41,697	41,697
Salary-Deputy Chief	35,430	38,750	36,933	36,933
Salary-Firefighter/EMT	26,816	27,855	27,855	27,855
Salary-Firefighter/EMT	26,293	27,855	27,855	27,855
Salary-Volunteers	40,832	45,885	42,100	42,100
Salary-Volunteers Training	8,848	11,500	10,000	10,000

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend Bud. Comm.
Salary-Station Coverage	2,605	5,531	5,531	5,531
Salary-Extra Hire	0	5,000	6,000	6,000
Salary-Overtime Emergency	6,622	9,310	7,300	7,300
Salary-Overtime Training	1,362	2,100	1,750	1,750
Office Expense	623	1,500	850	850
Telephone	2,178	2,800	2,500	2,500
Uniforms	1,580	1,975	1,750	1,750
Electric	5,102	5,100	5,100	5,100
Heat	3,540	4,500	4,100	4,100
Water Rent	75	250	100	100
Sewer Rent	256	325	250	250
Postage	239	250	250	250
Computer	3,135	4,500	4,500	4,500
Conferences	400	650	650	650
Dues	365	600	600	600
Books & Periodicals	99	165	165	165
Subscriptions	108	125	125	125
Training	1,400	3,000	2,500	2,500
Equipment	725	750	750	750
Equipment Maint & Repair	1,639	2,000	1,500	1,500
Building Maintenance	573	2,500	2,000	2,000
Medical Expenses	63	1,500	1,000	1,000
Fire Prevention	634	1,250	1,250	1,250
Supplies	2,834	3,300	3,300	3,300
Vehicle Repair & Parts	9,581	10,000	8,500	8,500
Vehicle Fuel	2,571	3,300	2,800	2,800
Tires	1,330	2,300	2,300	2,300
Radio Repairs	628	1,400	1,400	1,400
General Expense	203	700	500	500
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	$228,649	$272,426	$255,761	$255,761
FOREST FIRE				
Salary-Forest Fire	290	600	600	600
Supplies	3,117	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL FOREST FIRE	$3,407	$3,100	$3,100	$3,100
WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPT				
Winnisquam Fire Department	16,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPT	$16,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
BUILDING INSPECTION				
Salary-Building Inspector	19,972	20,608	20,608	20,608
Salary-Overtime	145	0	0	0

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend
		Bud. Comm.		
Office Expenses	124	150	150	150
Telephone	157	150	150	150
Postage	168	150	150	150
Dues/Membership	1,224	1,500	1,400	1,400
Vehicle Repair & Maint	1,125	1,000	1,000	1,000
Vehicle Fuel	276	300	300	300
Tires	299	200	200	200
General Expense	622	250	250	250
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTION	$24,113	$24,308	$24,208	$24,208
EMERGENCY/CIVIL DEFENSE				
General Expense	67	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL EMERGENCY/CIVIL DEFENSE	$67	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
Salary-Highway Supervisor	32,079	33,277	33,277	33,277
Telephone	674	600	600	600
Electric	1,275	1,500	1,500	1,500
Heating Fuel	1,919	2,500	2,500	2,500
Water Rent	41	40	40	40
Sewer Rent	237	240	240	240
Conferences	0	150	150	150
NH Occupational Testing	0	600	600	600
Supplies	68	150	125	125
Salary-Equipment Operator #1	7,860	21,284	21,284	21,284
Salary-Equipment Operator #2	17,839	25,458	25,458	25,458
Salary-Equipment Operator #3	24,956	25,625	25,625	25,625
Salary-Equipment Operator #4	21,870	22,369	22,369	22,369
Salary-Equipment Operator #5	30,208	31,244	31,244	31,244
Salary-Extra Hire	2,735	2,000	2,000	7,000
Salary-Overtime	16,701	16,000	16,000	16,000
Protective Clothing	379	500	500	500
Equipment Purchases	262	1,200	1,200	1,200
Equipment Maint & Repair	314	300	150	150
Supplies	495	500	500	500
Vehicle Repair & Maint	20,118	14,000	12,000	12,000
Vehicle Fuel	7,085	10,000	8,000	8,000
Tires	2,591	3,500	3,500	3,500
Radio Repairs	0	300	150	150
Chains	0	200	200	200
Lubricants	1,463	1,400	1,400	1,400
Street Signs	1,404	2,000	5,000	5,000
Street Painting	842	850	850	3,250

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend
		Bud. Comm.		
Seal Coating	0	9,000	2,000	9,000
Sand	17,372	15,000	15,000	15,000
Sweeping	850	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cold Patch	1,840	1,500	1,500	1,500
Equipment Hire	1,599	7,500	2,500	2,500
Tools	318	600	600	600
Salt	30,994	30,000	20,000	25,000
Asphalt	9,171	25,000	25,000	25,000
Gravel		3,947	6,500	6,500
6,500				
Calcium Chloride/Dust Control	5,103	5,500	5,500	5,500
Brush Control	1,721	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tree Removal	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Culverts	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Drainage	76	500	500	500
Guard Rails	235	2,000	1,000	1,000
General Expense	2,742	1,000	500	500
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	$271,882	$328,887	$304,062	$329,962
STREET LIGHTING				
Electricity	3,893	4,000	4,000	4,000
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	$3,893	$4,000	$4,000	$4,000
SANITATION-SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL				
Contract For Pickups	99,800	99,800	99,800	99,800
Transfer Station Expenses	4,704	2,000	2,000	2,000
Concord Cooperative	191,715	200,000	200,000	200,000
Recycling	3,211	4,000	4,000	4,000
Hazardous Waste	4,336	4,336	4,336	4,335
Landfill Monitoring Wells	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	$303,767	$312,636	$312,636	$312,636
ANIMAL EXPENSES				
Animal Holding Expenses	2,273	879	879	879
TOTAL ANIMAL EXPENSES	$2,273	$879	$879	$879
HEALTH AGENCIES				
Community Health & Hospice	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500
Community Action Program	4,544	4,771	4,771	4,771
Lakes Region Family Services	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000

Line Item Recommend	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen
Youth Services Bureau	11,000	12,184	12,184	12,184
New Beginnings - Crisis Ctr.	500	1,000	1,000	1,000
American Red Cross	1,200	2,400	1,400	1,400
TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES	$34,244	$37,855	$36,855	$36,855
WELFARE ADMINISTRATION				
Salary-Welfare Administrator	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Telephone	0	300	300	300
Dues	25	25	25	25
Supplies	1,000	100	100	100
TOTAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	$14,025	$13,425	$13,425	$13,425
WELFARE VENDOR PAYMENTS				
Housing	32,565	40,000	40,000	40,000
Food	2,835	2,200	2,200	2,200
Utilities	14,983	13,000	13,000	13,000
Gasoline	30	100	100	100
Heating	2,302	4,000	4,000	4,000
Clothing	100	100	100	100
Medical Expenses	833	1,000	1,000	1,000
Household Necessities	0	500	500	500
Other Expenses	1,215	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL WELFARE VENDOR PAYMENTS	$54,863	$61,900	$61,900	$61,900
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Electric	999	1,000	1,000	1,000
Water	21	100	100	100
Equipment	8,660	7,900	7,900	7,900
Maintenance & Repairs	3,223	4,000	4,000	4,000
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	$12,903	$13,000	$13,000	$13,000
LIBRARY				
Salary-Library	11,807	13,580	13,580	13,580
General Expenses	14,345	16,171	16,171	16,171
TOTAL LIBRARY	$26,152	$29,751	$29,751	$29,751

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend
		Bud. Comm.		
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES				
Old Home Day	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,000
Fireworks	4,500	10,000	5,000	4,500
Memorial Day	350	350	350	350
Civic Profile Steering Comm	1,999	2,000	2,000	2,000
Beautification Comm Gen Exp	160	400	400	400
TOTAL PATRIOTIC	$9,509	$15,250	$10,250	$10,250
CONSERVATION COMM				
General Expenses	470	2,306	2,306	2,306
TOTAL CONSERVATION	$470	$2,306	$2,306	$2,306
DEBT SERVICE				
Landfill Closure & Road Reconstruction Bond	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Interest		18,590	9,425	9,425
9,425				
Interest Tax Anticipation	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	$148,590	$189,425	$189,425	$189,425
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
FD Helmets	652	795	795	795
FD Air Packs	11,421	0	0	0
FD Firefighter Nomex Hoods	0	650	650	650
FD Engine 4 Body Work	10,000	0	0	0
FD Adapters & Fittings	2,172	0	0	0
FD Motorola Pages	2,964	2,760	2,760	2,760
FD Astra Jackets	0	7,980	4,000	5,950
FD Firefighter's Gloves	522	0	0	0
FD Fire Hose	5,269	5,580	5,580	5,580
FD Nozzles	2,441	3,545	3,545	3,545
PD Police Cruisers	44,209	52,600	52,600	52,600
FD Wheat Spot Lights	0	756	756	756
FD SCBA Units	0	17,736	8,868	8,868
WFD Fire Engine	1,000	0	0	0
WFD Hurst Tool Accessories	0	800	800	800
FD Firebreak Boots	540	532	532	532
FD MT-1000 Portable Radio's	0	7,500	4,500	4,500
FD Motorola Radios	6,597	5,600	5,600	5,600
HD 10 Foot Sander	9,362	0	0	0
WFD Survivor Packs	2,200	1,800	0	1,800
HD 2 Eleven Foot Plows	0	14,500	14,500	14,500

Line Item	Expended	Requested 1996	Recommend Dept.	Selectmen Recommend
HD John Deere Grader	116,544	0	0	0
HD Radio Equipment	0	1,300	1,300	1,300
ER T/C Document Restoration	2,134	2,000	2,000	2,000
PD Office Furnishings	4,892	0	0	0
PD & FD Emergency Generator	15,227	0	0	0
PD Radio Equipment	2,751	0	0	0
PD Radar Equipment	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
PD Computer Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
HD 97 Int 4900 Truck & P/Frame	0	58,300	58,300	58,300
HD 10' Sand Spreader	0	9,800	9,800	9,800
BI Computer	0	2,000	0	0
PLBD NH Speed search Services	754	0	0	0
PLBD Surge Protector	219	0	0	0
TC Equipment	1,252	5,542	0	0
FA Tax Equipment	1,824	1,153	550	550
Assessing Software	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
LB Library Equipment	0	1,900	0	0
TH Furnishings	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	$246,445	$226,629	$198,936	$202,686
CO IMPROVEMENTS BUILDINGS				
CO Renovations Town Hall	40,000	25,000	25,000	35,000
CO Legion & Bandstand Improvement	3,600	0	0	0
CO Belmont Mill Disposition	48,000	0	0	0
CO Spec Meet Renovations MILL	95,317	0	0	0
TOTAL CO IMPROVEMENT BLDS	$186,917	$25,000	$25,000	$35,000
CO IMPROVEMENT NON-BLDS				
CO FD Dry Hydrant Maintenance	174	1,700	1,700	1,700
CO Cemetery Maintenance	0	3,000	2,000	2,000
CO Wage & Salary Study	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL CO IMPROVEMENT NON-BUILDINGS	$3,174	$6,700	$5,700	$5,700
CO PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES				
CO Street Light Union Rd & RT3	258	0	0	0
TOTAL CO PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES	$258	$0	$0	$0

ARTICLE 14 was presented by the Moderator in its entirety. Moved by William Ekberg to accept the budget as recommended by the Budget Committee in the amount of $2,768.711. Seconded by Kenneth Knowlton. Ronald Mitchell, Budget Committee Chairman gave an overview. Donald Pugh asked why there was no monies appropriated for the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Ronald Mitchell explained they did not receive the services they expected from them. Matt Upton, Town Administrator, said the town has a good relationship with Ned Gordon, State Representative. The Town expects to stay active with the Commission he stated.

Donald Pugh moved to amend Article 14 to increase the Executive Office Budget by $5,200 to fund Lakes Region Planning Commission. This will increase the total Executive Office Budget to $135,387.

Donna Cilley opposed—she stated there were other services at no cost. She stated also that Budget Committee had worked long and hard on this Budget.

Reginald Caldwell, Chairman of the Planning Board agreed with Donna Cilley. There was no further discussion. Motion to amend was defeated by a voice vote.

Ronald Mitchell thanked all members of the Budget Committee for their work. Voice vote on the original motion carried.

ARTICLE #15 To see if the Town of Belmont will vote to discontinue a portion of old Route 106, previously a class 4 highway, in accordance with RSA 231:43, subject to the continuation of any existing utility easements under the provisions of RSA 231:46, as more particularly described and depicted on a Boundary Plan of Land for Thomas E. Marks, Belmont, N.H., dated June 3, 1996, by Yerkes Surveying Consultants, recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds, Plan 95, Draw L-26. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.)

Article #15 was read by the Moderator. Moved by Reginald Caldwell, seconded by Kenneth Knowlton. Discussion—Ronald Mitchell wanted to know where the property is and why we should do this. This is a small strip of land across from Opechee Dist. on Route 106 and abuts the Thomas Marks property. Thomas Marks spoke in favor. Donna Cilley asked if this was to allow him to develop for commercial use. He said at a later date. Ronald Mitchell spoke in favor. Motion carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE #16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $5,000 to support the Winnipesaukee Skating Club, a non-profit organization, in its efforts to construct an ice arena in Laconia to provide recreational opportunities for Lakes Region families, with said appropriation authorized pursuant to RSA 31:4. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.)

Article #16 was read by the Moderator. Moved by Reginald Caldwell, seconded by David Caron. David Caron spoke in favor of the article. Article carried by voice vote.

Polls were closed to voting on Article 6 at 11:28 AM.

Votes cast	114
Yes Votes	108
No Votes	6

Article passed.

ARTICLE #17 Are you in favor of placing a question on the 1998 warrant, the approval of which, would increase the number of selectmen in the Town from three (3) to five (5). NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Article #17 was read by the Moderator. Moved by Albert Akerstrom, second by Thomas Goulette. David Caron of the Government Study Committee moved to amend Article 17:

"Amend Article 17 by merging it with Article 18 and substituting the language as follows:

To hear the report of the Government Study Committee, as directed by Article 25 passed at the 1996 Annual Meeting.

Motion to amend seconded by Thomas Goulette. Mr. Caron stated that Article 17, if passed, would require a petition article. Matt Upton, Town Administrator, stated that if passed would have to be petitioned. Selectmen had reservations about this article. (Report can be found on Page 85 of the 1996 Annual Town Report.) Selectmen do not embrace this article. Their charge was to bring back a report to this meeting. Steven Jesseman said people have a year to think about it. More input and information are needed. There was no further discussion. David Caron then moved to pass amended article as written, seconded by Thomas Goulette. Carried by voice vote.

David Caron then gave report which is on Page 85 of the 1996 Annual Town Report. Copy of this report is included on the next page.

FINAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

In 1995, concerned Belmont citizens participated in a process which was designed to allow participants to conduct an evaluation of their community and identify methods and programs to improve the community's quality of life. One of the goals resulting from the completion of the Civil Profile was to study the current form of town government, how it operates and whether a different form would be more responsive to its citizens.

As a result, voters at the 1996 Annual Meeting established the Government Study Committee. The Committee was charged with identifying the various forms of local government available under New Hampshire law, soliciting input from residents regarding the advantages and disadvantages of our current government structure and recommending any changes the Committee believed would benefit the community.

The Committee commenced its proceedings in May and met on nine different occasions. In addition to reviewing material on New Hampshire local government and sample town charters adopted by other New Hampshire municipalities, the Committee met with current and former town officials, employees and citizens for input and recommendations. The following is a synopsis of the Committee's investigations and recommendations.

OPTIONS:

New Hampshire law provides for two separate processes when municipalities determine their form of local government. One process involves the establishment of a charter commission, whose members would be elected at Town Meeting. Once elected, charter members are required by state statute to receive public input and develop recommendations for consideration at the next Town Meeting.

Towns which utilize this process can recommend the adoption of a Town Council form of government. The Town Council would operate with a Town Manager, Mayor or both officials. Town Meeting's role in the process would be reduced to a) acting upon budgetary matters only (leaving other issues such as ordinance adoption up to the Council); b) Representative Town Meeting,

whereby town voters would elect a certain number of representatives who would be responsible for voting on matters at Town Meeting; or c) eliminating Town Meeting entirely, with all duties to be handled by a Town Council.

There are certain changes to our town government which can be accomplished without the need to establish a charter commission. Among them are the adoption of the town manager plan, the adoption of the Municipal Budget Act (which the Town has already adopted) and the expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. These initiatives would not impact the current legislative authority enjoyed by residents who participate in the Town Meeting process. The Committee also reserved the opinion of recommending no changes to Belmont's government.

PROCESS:

The Committee began its deliberations by absorbing as much information as possible concerning the structure of New Hampshire local government. Among the materials reviewed were sections of the Town Officials Handbook published by the New Hampshire Municipal Association, various municipal charters now in operation in New Hampshire, and applicable state statutes.

The Committee received input from current and former town officials, employees and citizens during four of its sessions. Several recurring themes were identified during this process:

SELECTMEN

- Critical to the success of town government is the need to educate Selectmen of their responsibilities, and encourage civic-minded residents to file for the office of Selectmen.

- Some candidates who do file for the Office of Selectmen do run on issues important to them and not the town as a whole.

- The Town has had good Selectmen in the past who would work for the good of the entire Town, but did not run for re-election due to unwarranted criticism and verbal abuse.

- Some residents observe the personal abuse directed at Selectmen and are discouraged from seeking elective office.

- Some Selectmen try to micro-manage the Town's departments.

SIZE OF BOARD/NUMBER OF SELECTMEN

The Committee also received various comments and viewpoints regarding the appropriate number of selectmen in Belmont. Among the comments:

- Five selectmen would be a workable number if quality candidates could be found to run for all five positions.

- Five selectmen would present an opportunity for broader representation in the community.

- Five selectmen would ease the load on any individual.

- Three selectmen should be entirely adequate since the duty of the selectmen is to make policy not supervise the operation of the departments.

- Getting three selectmen is difficult, getting five would be more difficult or impossible.

- Three selectmen is an adequate number for dealing with the day-to-day problems.

ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGER

- A competent administrator/manager is essential to the proper operation of town government.
- The wrong person in the position becomes a serious liability.
- The complexity of town government requires the hiring of a topnotch manager.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon public input and its studies, the Belmont Government Study Committee proposes several changes be approved by the Town for Belmont's government.

Before addressing their recommendations, a word about Town Meeting. The Town Meeting allows all registered voters to voice their opinions on the direction, size and budget of town government. Every individual who spoke about recommended changes to the form of government stood firm that Town Meeting must continue. As a result, the Committee states unequivocally Town Meeting must continue and no change in government which would alter that fact is recommended.

Matt Upton, Town Administrator said the Selectmen took a lot of time reviewing this report and thanked the Committee for their time. He said we have a great Board of Selectmen and are getting a lot done. He also stated the Budget Committee has a lot of authority in town. Special interest and debate is healthy but with a five member board it could impede the Board of Selectmen. We do not need a five member board. There are very few Town Manager form of government in the state. The Board of Selectmen do not support it. Kenneth Knowlton stated that previous boards of Selectmen and Town Administrators have left a lot to be desired. This split the community. He does not share all their beliefs but the Selectmen have proved themselves with Matt Upton as Administrator and also Town Counsel, "What we have appears to be good and am extremely happy with what has happened." He wishes to have the minutes reflect this.

Judith Pilliod congratulated the Board for a great job but stated there is still a lot of apathy out there.
ARTICLE #18 Are you in favor of placing a question on the 1998 warrant, the approval of which, would result in the adoption of the Selectmen/Town Manager form of government verses the current Selectmen/Town Administrator form of government.
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Article #18—Was merged with Article 17.

Albert Akerstrom moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Reginald Caldwell. Carried by voice vote. The time was 11:58 o'clock in the forenoon. Approximately one hundred fourteen (114) registered voters and six (6) non-voters attended the meeting.

There are 3512 registered voters in the Town of Belmont.

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
AUGUST 13, 1997
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 o'clock in the evening by Moderator Steven Fournier.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Moderator Steven Fournier.

The Moderator introduced the head table as follows:

Matthew Upton, Town Administrator
Ward Peterson, Selectman
Donna Cilley-Lewandowski, Selectman
David Mika, Selectman
Doralyn M. Harper, Town Clerk

The Moderator laid down the ground rules for the meeting. He asked that all comments be directed to him and that all non-voters raise their hands to be recognized. There were three (3). All people will be asked to answer all questions that pertain to them but all questions are to be directed to the Moderator. He stated that all were to identify themselves, and to speak for only three minutes at most, stick to the subject-at-hand at all times, be courteous, and most of all be quick. He will allow only one amendment to a motion at a time. All motions and amendments must be made in a positive sense so that when voting, yes is in favor and no is not. Any new motions and amendments must be in writing and passed to Doralyn M. Harper, the Town Clerk.

At this time, Steven Fournier, Moderator, thanked Peter Poire for the Old Home Day fireworks display on August 9, 1997. Mr. Poire said that Peter Hanson of Grey Rocks Road also needed to be thanked. The Moderator also thanked Anthony Brown, Chairman of the Old Home Day Committee for the great Old Home Day. Mr. Brown stated that all members of the Committee needed to be thanked.

Article 1 was read by the Moderator:

> ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $220,000.00 for the purchase of a parcel of land located in the Town of Belmont, containing five (5) acres, more or less, with approximately 1,200 ft. of frontage on Lake Winnisquam, for the establishment of a Town Beach and Recreation Area. The purchase shall be funded by $50,000.00 already appropriated for Economic Development along with $170,000.00 to be raised through general taxation, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate tax anticipation notes to finance the herein referenced purchase.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS APPROPRIATION. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION.

Motion to accept the article was made by Ronald Mitchell, seconded by Albert Akerstrom.

Steven Jesseman asked for an explanation of this article. Matthew Upton, Town Administrator, spoke to the Article and stated that this is the last piece of lake-front property available and if the Town is not interested, there will not be another chance for a Town Beach. If the Town approves, the Selectmen want to form a committee of 10 to 12 people to study and make recommendations for building a Town Beach and facilities.

Discussion was held.

Ronald Mitchell moved the question, seconded by Roy Roberts. Motion carried by a voice vote, question was then read by the Moderator.

Fred Wheeler presented a petition with thirteen (13) signatures asking for a ballot vote. All that is needed are five (5).

Moderator Steven Fournier stated that the polls have to be open for a minimum of one hour. A majority vote is needed. Polls were opened at 7:45 PM and closed at 8:46 PM.

The vote was as follows:

188 YES
96 NO

The article passed.

Donna Cilley-Lewandowski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ward Peterson. Carried by a voice vote. The time was 8:48 o'clock in the evening.

Two hundred eighty-four (284) registered voters and three (3) non-voters attended the meeting.

There are 3,508 registered voters in the Town of Belmont.

A true record, Attest:

Doralyn M. Harper, Town Clerk

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS.

You are hereby notified to meet for a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden at the Belmont High School at 7:00 PM on August 13, 1997, for the purpose of acting upon the following warrant article:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $220,000.00 for the purchase of a parcel of land located in the Town of Belmont, containing five (5) acres, more or less, with approximately 1200 ft of frontage on lake Winnisquam, for the establishment of a Town Beach and Recreation Area. The purchase shall be funded by $50,000.00 already appropriated for Economic Development along with $170,000.00 to be raised through general taxation, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate tax anticipation notes to finance the herein referenced purchase. THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS APPROPRIATION. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION.

Date: July 28, 1997. Belmont Board of Selectmen;
David Mika
Ward Peterson
Donna Cilley

A true record, Attest:

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk
July 28, 1997

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BELKNAP, SS SUPERIOR COURT
IN RE: TOWN OF BELMONT
97-E-0125
DECREE

The above entitled Petition came before the Court for hearing on July 15, 1997. Having considered the evidence, the Court finds that an emergency has arisen within the Town of Belmont which may require the immediate expenditure of money.

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Town of Belmont is authorized to hold a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 1997, at the Belmont High School cafeteria in Belmont, New Hampshire at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of acting on the warrant article set forth in the accompanied Second Amended Petition for Permission to Hold Special Town Meeting. Pursuant to RSA 31:5, said Special Town Meeting shall have the same authority as that of the Annual Town Meeting.

The above approval is conditioned upon compliance of all statutory requirements related to posting and notice which control such a Special Town Meeting.

This Decree is made solely for the purpose of permitting the Special Town Meeting to be held, and it is not to be construed or interpreted in any other manner, nor for any other purposes whatsoever.

So ordered.

Dated: July 24, 1997 Presiding Justice

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Following the achievements of 1996, the Town of Belmont continued to move forward in 1997. This year we had several very exciting developments including the purchase of a Town Beach Recreation Area, the beginning of the Belmont Mill Renovations and the start of the new high school. The Selectmen and the Town Administrator are excited with the prospects for 1998 as we see these projects through their completion and we focus on future economic development.

In November 1997, the Town Administrator organized a joint meeting of the Selectmen, Planning Board and Zoning Board to discuss economic development. The Town Administrator invited members of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) to discuss improvements to Route 106 and 140. The Selectmen see these projects of immense importance to the Town in that they hold the key to future industrial development and ultimately residential tax relief. As a result of this meeting, we have identified several areas of potential development and are poised to have a strong voice in the DOT's future plans for these projects. The Selectmen appreciate the support of the Planning and Zoning Board in this initiative.

In October 1997, renovations to the Belmont Mill began. This has been a huge undertaking which has required a large commitment of time from the Town Administrator. While we have encountered some relatively small and unforeseen problems, with the help of Roads Corporation, the N.H. office of State Planning and Christopher P. Williams, Architects, we have effectively resolved them in a manner that should have no financial consequences to the Town. As of the printing of this article, the additive phase of construction has begun and a new roof will be completed in the next week or two. The Selectmen are proud of this project and feel that the residents will see a great benefit in the coming years.

In July 1997, the Town Administrator won the Town's case before the New Hampshire Supreme Court allowing the Town to have a special Town meeting for the purchase of the Winnisquam Recreation Area. At the Special Town meeting the Town voted to purchase the property. Since then we have assembled a Committee of interested and dedicated citizen's to plan the development of this precious asset. Since formation of the Committee, they have met at the site and the limited feedback from the Committee is outstanding. We thank the Committee for its efforts and look forward to additional information in the coming months.

Unfortunately, the Town experienced the loss of several of its residents this year. While not wishing to minimize any individual loss, the passing of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Robert Normandin, was particularly difficult for the Town. As Chairman, Mr. Normandin worked very hard to see that the Town realized many of the goals he helped set. Much of the Town's success over the past few years can be attributed, in part, to his wisdom and vision. Mr. Normandin brought years of dedicated public service to the Board and he will be surely missed.

In closing, the Selectmen renew their commitment to the residents to continue to pursue opportunities that enhance our community while seeking to keep taxes as low as possible. The accomplishments outlined above have been achieved with a very minimal impact on taxes. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you in March at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Belmont Board of Selectmen

David Mike, Chair
Ward Peterson
Donna Cilley

BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1997 Annual Report

This past year the Belmont Conservation Commission continued to work with the state and the Board of Selectmen on the Fellows Mills Dam. Also, the commission continues to work closely with the state wetlands board by reviewing wetlands permits, and providing the local working knowledge of the lakes and streams in our town.

One of the major functions of the Conservation Commission is to help local applicants through the application process. We also work with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment providing advise regarding building permits and their relationship to wetlands.

In the coming year some of the projects we will be working on will be the Fellows Mills Dam, improvements to the town forest, the Bean Dam, and the new Town Beach property.

Currently our town Conservation Commission is looking for members and alternates. Should you be interested in helping to preserve our quality of life and wish to serve on the commission, please call the town office. We would greatly appreciate your participation.

A special thanks goes to Peter Dutile, past Chairman of the Commission. Recently Peter has moved from the town of Belmont and therefore no longer qualifies to be a member. Peter has been carrying the workload for us and his energy, knowledge and efforts will be greatly missed. In our busy everyday lives, many times we fail to recognize those individuals who are quietly working behind the scenes to provide a better living environment. Peter is one of those individuals. If you see Peter, give him a thank you; he deserves it.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Watterson, Chairman

BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

This past year proved to be a very busy year for the Belmont Fire Department. Figures show that we had a total increase of 46 calls over 1996. This was an increase of 5.74% over 1996. Our fire loss for 1997 was under $90,000.00 which is very low for a community of our size. Every resident in town should get a pat on the back for keeping our fire loss as low as it was.

The following is a breakdown of calls for 1997:

	1996	1997		
Fire Calls	223	276	34.4%	Increase of 53 calls
Medical Emergency's	383	408	50.8%	Increase of 25 calls
Mutual Aid Calls	47	46	5.7%	Decrease of 1 call
Special Service Calls	104	73	9.1%	Decrease of 31 calls

During 1997 we were able to get Five more members of the department certified as EMT-I which brings us to a total of 11 people that can use I.V. on patients. Overall the department has 22 medical trained people. During this same time period members of the department put in a total of 2,866 hours on training and they also put in 7,244 hours responding to emergency calls. Between training and responding to emergency calls the department personnel put in an average of 194.4 hours every week.

Again this past year the department was involved with the Safety Program that was set up with the school system. This program was set up two years ago, and we were awarded the "Gold Circle Partnership" by the Governor and the Commissioner of Education for the second year in a row. Personnel of the department have put in alot of time with this program working with school personnel and I would like to thank everyone for doing an excellent job.

In May of last year we took delivery of a new fire engine that was approved at the March town meeting. This new unit can seat six personnel, has a 1,500 G.P.M pump and the water tank holds 1,000 gallons of water. This new vehicle replaced a 1969 fire engine that was on it's last leg. I invite everyone to stop by the station and members of the department will show you what we have for equipment. We are very proud of our equipment. Without your support we would not have this equipment.

During the last part of 1997 we were busy with writing specifications for a new ambulance. If this new ambulance is approved at the 1998 Town Meeting we will take delivery around the 1st of May. This new unit is being paid for from funds in a special savings account that was set up in 1993. In 1993 it was voted at Town Meeting that all ambulance billing funds will be set aside for the purpose of ambulance replacement and to purchase needed equipment. These funds are in a savings account set up at the First Deposit Bank. These funds can only be spent after a vote at Town Meeting.

At this time I would like to thank each and every member of the department for the many hours that they have put in, in serving the residents of Belmont. Without the support of these dedicated individuals, we would not be able to provide such a high level of service.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Town Administrator, Department Heads and the citizens of Belmont for their support of the Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert J. Akerstrom, III
Fire Chief

1997 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

In January of this year, we had more freezing rain than snow which made for many hours of overtime salting and sanding. Due to all of the rain, many hours were spent hauling gravel to overcome the mud. As the mud season went out, the roads were graded up and treated for dust.

As soon as this was completed, work began back on Silkwood Ave and Sunshine Drive. After the ditch work and culverts were completed, Pike Industries came in and reclaimed the asphalt and regraded the road. We were also able to get the base coat of asphalt down on Silkwood Avenue, Sunshine Drive, and Ladd Hill Road.

A short section of Jamestown Road that was badly in need of repair was also reclaimed and repaved. Union Road, from Hurricane Road to Route 3, Ladd Hill Road, Sunset Drive, and Juniper Drive also received a one inch top coat of asphalt.

In the fall, maintenance was done to the equipment, trucks and plows to get ready for winter. We also got our winter haul of sand and salt to mix. We got snow earlier this winter than we have for the last four or five years so we have been very busy trying to keep the roads clear and safe for the people in town.

I would like to thank all of the other department heads for all of their help throughout the year. Special thanks goes to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator for their help and support.

In closing, I'd like to take the opportunity to extend my gratitude to the many townspeople, officials, and friends who supported our family through my son, Daniel's death.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luther Brown

BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1997

This year was special for me personally as your Chief of Police. On January 4, I completed 25 years of full time service with the Police Department. The knowledge of that was meaningful to me. During the day I was welcomed by a surprise reception at the Police Department and acknowledged for the anniversary. It was gratifying to have law enforcement associates from around the state, former police chiefs, the Board of Selectmen, department members, and friends and family on hand to share that important date with me. The Board of Selectmen and Police Department members presented a beautiful plaque that adorns my office wall.

In August, I was informed by Ms. Belmont, Jessica Landry, that I had been chosen to be honored by the Old Home Day Booklet being dedicated to me. It was a humbling experience to know that I had been chosen by people who give so very much of themselves each year to put on Old Home Day and involve themselves in other community activities.

The department continued to be involved with educational efforts with the youth of the community. The D.A.R.E. Program graduated another class of Belmont and Canterbury sixth grade students. We held our second annual bicycle safety rodeo which grew in participation this year. Our commitment to getting people to use helmets when bicycling continued through the use of free ice cream coupons to those found riding with a helmet. Our relationship with the Shaker Regional School District continued to improve and our unified efforts have worked toward a safer and healthier environment for education to take place.

The department continued to work with the Belmont Junior High School and the Fire Department, in presenting the S.A.F.E. Program (Students Aware of Fire And Law Enforcement). For the second year, the program was the recipient of an Achievement Award from the Gold Circle Partnership, "in recognition of its exemplary educational partnership made possible through the collaborative efforts of school and community". We are pleased to be invited to participate in these valuable programs.

We had the resources of the Americorp's Victim's Advocate Program (AVAP) for the first time this year. We shared a person from AVAP with the Laconia Police Department Prosecutor's Office. This person proved to be very helpful in our provision of services to victims of domestic violence, of which we have far too many. This was provided to as at no cost, during 1997, and will be a very minimal cost for the services provided during 1998. This position provides support and information to victims who are proceeding into the criminal justice system at particularly difficult times in their lives.

We continue to utilize the Youth Services Bureau (YSB) to provide Court Diversion and counselling services to youthful offenders. The YSB has been an extremely valuable resource for us and has worked hard toward influencing youthful offenders to avoid future illegal activities through a balance of consequences and education.

In December, after nearly 8 years of litigation a Belknap County Jury found "no liability" against the department and two of its members in the police shooting of a suspect who ultimately died as a result of the incident. The litigation brought against our department and the Laconia Police Department and Belknap County Sheriff's Department, had been processed through the U.S. Federal Courts previously. We had prevailed in those courts, also. This final decision concluded a very stressful and fretful period of time for all of the officers involved. It is difficult to articulate the toll endured by the officers as a result of merely doing their jobs.

Call for service activity for 1997 decreased this year. This was a pleasant change after what has been a continual trend of increases for as many years as I can remember. The decrease seemed difficult to believe. Our personnel all felt as if they had been busier than ever before. I can only attribute this to the more difficult nature of the calls that we handle and the changes that have occurred in society, making our efforts more time consuming.

The following is an itemized list of the types of calls for service received this year, and compared to 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995:

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
1. Aid Departments	589	556	519	640	556	544	638
2. Alarms	395	382	347	401	322	350	289
3. Animal	499	538	525	672	677	639	586
4. Civil	211	208	198	196	198	240	215
5. Burglary	88	78	66	89	48	46	54
6. Theft	227	220	184	160	143	184	198
7. Auto	964	1060	1016	1161	1104	1112	1080
8. Assault	66	70	70	88	90	111	98
9. Disturbance	234	217	170	156	144	184	123
10. Juvenile	213	296	242	259	380	302	219
11. Fraud/Bad Checks	34	23	30	21	27	31	41
12. Lockouts	24	14	20	25	16	28	17
13. Domestics	173	167	145	154	169	193	189
14. Criminal Mischief	156	150	139	122	102	120	127
15. Other/Misc.	1924	2196	2320	2803	3142	3081	2888
16. Other/Criminal	162	200	200	197	195	222	170
17. Sex Offenses	16	21	17	18	12	21	16
18. Drug Violations	9	7	8	11	13	10	11
19. Property Checks	202	179	148	153	137	119	102
TOTAL	**6186**	**6582**	**6364**	**7326**	**7475**	**7536**	**7062**

These numbers do not represent the number of offenses known, but only the calls for service received.

The following columns give an overview of the various offenses investigated by the department and the number of people arrested as a result. Some arrests solve more than one offense.

TYPE	OFFENSES	ARRESTS
Negligent Homicide	1	1
Forcible Rape	0	0
Aggravated Assault	4	4
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	54	7
Thefts	206	39
Auto Theft/Recovered	11	1
Assault	142	78
Arson	3	1
Forgery	6	4
Bad Checks	56	4
Receiving Stolen Prop.	2	1
Criminal Mischief	139	13
Weapons Offenses	3	1
Sex Offenses	15	4
Drug Violations	25	22
Offenses Against Family	3	0
DWI	22	22
Liquor Violations	22	14
Public Intoxication	58	58
Disorderly Conduct	7	4
Suicide/Unattended Death	9	0

All Other Offenses	247	83
Motor Vehicle	491	456
Runaway	21	21
Total	**1547**	**838**

The same list for previous years results in totals of:

	OFFENSES	ARRESTS
1996	1582	866
1995	1419	846
1994	1401	809
1993	1288	647
1992	1495	792
1991	1592	886
1990	2049	1191
1989	1940	1159
1988	1765	1021
1987	1206	672

In addition to handling calls for service and investigations, the department issued 2835 warnings for various offenses, 1062 check-ups of people for suspicious activity or other reasons, and issued 100 parking tickets.

The department investigated 187 traffic crashes. Of the crashes reported, 63 involved personal injury. There were two fatal crashes, resulting in the deaths of two young people.

One of the crashes we investigated was a serious hit and run accident that occurred on Brown Hill Road. A resident was struck by a vehicle while he was moving an obstacle from the road. The resident received serious permanent injuries as a result of the crash. The offending driver and vehicle has still not been located. The vehicle was thought to be a white Neon. All leads that were received were investigated and a check of all white Neon's registered in the county was made, to no avail. We continue to seek the person responsible for this offense.

Our Officers have all been troubled by the number of youth in town who use alcohol and drugs. This concern is raised ever higher by the numbers of them who either drive after use or get into cars with people who have been using. As adults, we all need to do more to stop the illegal use of these substances. If we are going to stop our youth from being hurt and killed in car crashes and other mishaps, we must take a more active role as a community in halting this. There continues to be a high level of tacit acceptance of youthful drinking, by adults in our community. Until we all start doing more than just talking about it and actually take demonstrative steps to prevent the illegal use, we will not be successful. The Police Department and the Schools cannot make this happen without the diligent efforts of the rest of the community.

I would like to take the opportunity to express how fortunate we all are to have the group of Town Employees that we have. I have occasion to work with all of them at one time or another throughout the course of the year. They all bring something special to the community on a personal level. Collectively, they have a vast and nearly incomprehensible level of knowledge, skill, and ability that drives and holds together the accomplishment of our governmental body. I thank them all for what they do for the Town and in assisting the Police Department.

I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Public Works Committee, Commissions, and most importantly the members of the police department for their assistance and support during the course of the year.

In spite of the frequent compliments that are received about the Police Department and its members, we will be working toward improving the quality of service, protection, and dedication to duty that we offer to the community in the coming year. The Police Department was made up of the following people during 1997:

Michael P. McCarty, Chief of Police	serving since January, 1972
David C. Nielsen, Sergeant	serving since February, 1981
Karen A. McCarty, Sergeant	serving since July, 1973
Brian J. Loanes, Sergeant	serving since July, 1980
Mark B. Lewandoski, Patrolman	serving since April, 1978
Steven H. Crockett, Patrolman	serving since April, 1981
Richard A. Bryant, Patrolman	serving since July, 1986
David L. Estes, Patrolman	serving since February, 1988
Charles B. O'Connor, Patrolman	serving since January, 1989
Richard W. Mann, Patrolman	serving since September, 1993
Lori A. Walker, Secretary	serving since May, 1987
Nikki Wheeler, Part Time Secretary	serving since June, 1997

Respectfully Submitted,

BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Michael P. McCarty
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 1997

Sargent Park accomplishments in 1997.

The final phase of the playground area equipment installation was completed. The following equipment was installed:

- three (3) person tot swing
- buck-a-bout seesaw
- 12' x 12' sandbox
- large "moon walker" climber
- another heavy duty picnic table
- small slide (relocated)

Thank you Tennis Courts of New Hampshire for a professional job well done above and beyond what you were paid to do.

Construction for the bike/skate area of the park has begun. The subgrade was prepared and the asphalt base material has been applied. Thank you MTS Environmental for donating the asphalt material made from recycled soil. Thank you Kruger Construction for an application job well done.

The focus of the Recreation Commission in 1998 and beyond will be as follows:

- Repair the storm damage to the tennis court fence and lights.
- Hot Top overlay the new bike/skate area. M&D Paving from Belmont has generously offered to do the job for cost of material only. Thank you very much Melanie and David.
- Fence in the bike/skate area with five foot high galvanized chain link fence to contain the activity in this area.
- Build an entrance walkway to the bike/skate area and reseed the grass areas throughout the playground.
- Equip the bike/skate area for safe and comfortable operation. Well constructed ramps, jumps and pipes will help assure safe operation. Heavy duty tables and benches will assure comfort and containment of the areas activities.
- Resurface the roller hockey rink.
- Replace the tennis courts backboard.
- Install pertinent signs throughout the park. Including but not limited to information about the park, rules of the park and "use at your own risk" notices.

These projects will go only as far as the 1998 budget allows.

I would like to thank the following organizations and people for their help at Sargent Park throughout the year:

The Selectmen, Budget Committee, Town Administrator, and all at the town offices (especially Brenda). The police, fire and highway departments (especially Luther). The Civic Profile Committee and the taxpayers of Belmont. Thanks to the skaters and bikers who have helped make our programs successful. Thank you Mr. Bailey for returning our hockey balls that end up on your lawn!

Rob Court, Chairman

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
TOTAL FIRES	726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

Lee Gardner
Forest Ranger

Albert J. Akerstrom, II
Forest Fire Warden

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The Winnisquam Fire Department answered 453 calls for assistance during 1997. The breakdown of our calls by basic type and location are listed below:

	Belmont	Sanbornton	Tilton	Meredith
Structure Fires	8	3	5	0
Chimney Fires	9	1	0	0
Alarm Activations	56	7	0	0
CO Detectors	3	1	1	0
Vehicle Fires	3	1	1	0
Brush Fires	7	2	0	0
Medical	59	43	53	7
Motor Vehicle	21	11	30	1
Other	22	7	10	0
Total	188	76	100	8

Winnisquam Only—51 calls
Mutual Aid Calls—Laconia, Gilford & Gilmanton—12

In the coming year of 1998, we are retiring our 1968 International Pumper and replacing it with a 1997 Freightliner Engine having a 1250 gal. per min. pump and 1,000 gal. water tank; also has foam capability. WFD raised over $28,000 towards the new fire truck and now are starting to raise funds to go towards replacing the 1980 ambulance within the next few years.

The dept. consists of 24 active members. Twenty are state certified to fire fighter Level I and 5 are Career Level. We have 11 active EMT's; 8 certified to Intermediate Level with IV certification, 3 with Endotrachial Intubation and 4 with medical intervention.

We wish to thank all who aided us in raising money for the new fire truck and will appreciate any continued support during the ensuing year.

Rosanna Leighton
Secretary

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION

The condition of the Belmont public water system remains generally good. No significant additions or reductions in service occurred in 1997. There are two projects that we know of that will increase our volume by 10% or more during 1998, however. The system has the capacity to handle this volume without additional equipment.

Costs to run the department have been increasing moderately over the past several years without the need to increase rates to our customers. Electric and labor costs have gone up significantly in the Village zone and Laconia has increased the price of water for Winnisquam by 25% this year. This situation does not present any short range problems but some rate increases are being considered at this point.

The water department is also considering improvement of our alternate well source. The primary source (well 1) produces extremely clear as well as healthy water while the alternate source (well 2) produces sometimes clear and sometimes slightly cloudy water.

This cloudy water has been extensively tested and has been found to have no health effects but for aesthetic reasons we have discontinued regular use of well 2. Filtration of well 2 and development of a third water source are solutions under study.

Our main goal is to provide high quality water to our customers. Then we control costs to assure that the system does not become a burden to the taxpayers. Accommodating growth is also important but cannot be allowed to over-ride our main objectives. The Water Commission is appointed by the Selectmen and currently has a vacancy. If you are a Belmont voter and are interested in serving on the Commission, please contact the Selectmen's office.

Charles Hampe, Chairman
Belmont Water Commission

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY 1997

This year the Board of Selectmen arranged for Belmont to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. This event was held on July 26, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Belmont Elementary School.

Out of 23 participating towns in the Lakes Region, Belmont had the fourth highest participation, with 151 Belmont residents bringing items such as paints, solvents, pesticides, household cleaners, motor oil, and batteries for safe disposal.

As part of the collection, residents were asked to fill out a brief questionnaire upon arriving at the site. This served to gain information as to whether the 10 gallon limit was sufficient, whether residents had additional materials at home they did not know how to dispose of, how often they thought a collection was necessary, and what type of materials did they bring to the collection. This data showed most were satisfied with the current limits and that an annual collection was sufficient.

Two common types of items brought to the collection day were not accepted—latex paint and tires. Latex paint is not considered hazardous, and proper disposal involves merely opening the can, exposing the paint to the air until it dries, then tossing the can into the regular household trash for curbside pickup. Tires cannot be disposed of in the regular trash and will not be accepted at curbside, but can be disposed of (for a fee) at the Transfer Station on Meredith Center Road in Laconia. You will need an orange Belmont sticker in order to use the Transfer station. These stickers can be obtained at the Town Clerk's window at no cost.

It is important to note that this event was successful in large part due to the efforts of those who volunteered their time to distribute posters and pamphlets advertising the collection, and those who gave up their free time on a beautiful, sunny summer day to work at the site taking surveys, collecting items and directing traffic. We would like to thank the following individuals for lending a helping hand to their community.

Diane Marden	Bradley Lawrence	Merle Dewitt
William Ekberg	Sue Noyes	
Tom Murphy	Dana Chase	

Our next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is planned for Saturday, July 25, 1998. We hope 1998 will be even more successful, and that residents will continue to utilize the collection to properly dispose of hazardous waste. If you should have any questions regarding waste disposal, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 267-8300.

Brenda Paquette, Co-Site Coordinator
Richard Siegel, Co-Site Coordinator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 1997

JANUARY 15 Katherine E. Murphy request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.3.c.& d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of additions to an existing non-conforming structure where the additions will be closer (8') to the high water mark than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 43 Coons Point Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 16/03/00, ZBA #3996. **GRANTED**

JANUARY 15 Lynne Fournier, Trustee request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.c & d of the Zoning Ordinance to allow additions to an existing non-conforming structure, increasing the usable space and footprint of the existing structure closer (19') to the high water mark than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 105 Tucker Shore Road in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 28/09/00, ZBA #0197. **GRANTED**

JANUARY 15 Leon and Sharon Cram, Sr. request for a Special Exception of Article V, Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow Motor Vehicle Repair use in an existing structure. Property is located at 37 Witham Road in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 13/68/00, ZBA #0297. **DENIED**

MARCH 24 Joint hearing with the Planning Board - Lawrence Dupont request for a Special Exception of Article V, Table 1 and Article VIII.A.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow expansion of a non-conforming use (manufactured housing park) by creating 24 manufactured housing sites (includes 11 new sites and 13 relocated sites from previous approvals). Property is located at 171 State Route 1450 in an "RM" Zone, Tax Lots 02/28/00, 02/29/00, and 02/30/00 (to be merged), ZBA #0397. **GRANTED**

APRIL 16 George Hall for Stephen M. Brox request for a Variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow reduction in a front setback from Silver Lake Road from 50' to 15'. Property is located on Industrial Drive, in an "I" Zone, Tax Lot 02/16/08, ZBA #0497. **GRANTED**

APRIL 16 George Hall for Stephen M. Brox request for a Variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow reduction in a front setback from Silver Lake Road from 50' to 15'. Property is located on Industrial Drive, in an "I" Zone, Tax Lot 02/16/07, ZBA #0597. **GRANTED**

MAY 21 Frank Colozzi request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.d, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition (utility room) to an existing non-conforming structure where the addition will not be closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 63 Sargent Lake Road, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 27/13/00, ZBA #0697. **GRANTED**

MAY 21 Frank and Jemma Bartolotta request for a Variance of Article IV of the Wetlands Ordinance to approve existing, non-permitted construction of a 6.5'x8' deck closer (15'11") to the high water mark than allowed (50'). Property is located at 142 Jefferson Road East, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 25/28/00, ZBA #0797. **TABLED**

JUNE 18 Frank and Jemma Bartolotta request for a Variance of Article IV. of the Wetlands

Ordinance to approve existing, non-permitted, construction of a 6.5x8' deck closer (15'11") to the high water mark than allowed (50'). Property is located at 142 Jefferson Road East, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 25/28/00, ZBA #0797. **GRANTED**

JUNE 18 Robert and Martha Goodnow request for a Variance of Article V. Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a carport closer (24') to the front property line than allowed (50'). Property is located at 10 Linda Drive in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 29/34/00, ZBA #0897. **GRANTED**

JUNE 18 Sally Ann O'Connell request for 2 Variances from Article V. Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to replace a manufactured housing unit. The new unit will be closer to the front and side setbacks than allowed. Property is located at 34 Perkins Road, in an "RM" Zone, Tax Lot 24/21/00, ZBA #1097. **GRANTED**

JUNE 18 John Rymes for Fuller & Co., Inc. request for a Variance (#1) of Article VIII.C. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction on a lot without the minimum required amount (20') of frontage as defined by the Ordinance. Property is located off Rte 3 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 10/34/00, ZBA #1197. **GRANTED**

JUNE 18 John Rymes for Fuller & Co.,Inc. request for a Variance (#2) of Article X.F.2. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a single family use in a Commercial Zone where the use is not accessory to a business. Property is located off Route 3 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 10/34/00, ZBA #1297. **DENIED**

JUNE 18 John Rymes for Fuller & Co., Inc. request for a Special Exception of Article V. Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a single family residence in a commercial zone. Property is located off Route 3 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 10/34/00, ZBA #0997. **WITHDRAWN**

JULY 16 Donald Rogers request for a Special Exception of Article V, Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand area to display vehicles for sale. Property is located at 277 Hurricane Road, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 05/29/00, ZBA #1397. **TABLED**

JULY 16 Charles Alward request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance and to approve existing construction of an 8' x 9' roof overhang and an 8' x 28' concrete walk, both closer (24.5') to the front property line than allowed (50'). Property is located at 1276 State Route 106 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 24/01/00, ZBA #1497. **GRANTED**

JULY 16 White Mountain Resource Management, Inc. for Suzanne and Leslie Roberts request for a Special Exception of Article V, Table 1 and Article X.F.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow application of biosolids as a fertilizer and soil amendment to hay and corn fields. Property is located at 66 Hackett Road in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 09/01/00, ZBA #1597. **GRANTED**

JULY 16 Suzanne and Leslie Roberts request for a Variance of Article X.F.1.b of the Zoning Ordinance to allow stockpiling of biosolids for up to 6 months in preparation for spreading as allowed under NH DES Management Regulations. Property is located at 66 Hackett Road in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 09/01/00, ZBA #1697. **GRANTED**

AUGUST 20 Donald Rogers continuation of a request for a Special Exception of Article V, Table

1 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand area to display vehicles for sale. Property is located at 277 Hurricane Road, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 05/29/00, ZBA #1397. **GRANTED**

AUGUST 20 Valentine L. Ciotti, Jr. request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to rebuild three small additions as one, closer to the front and side property lines than allowed, but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 28 Leisure Lane in an "RM" Zone, Tax Lot 24/48/00, ZBA #1797. **GRANTED**

AUGUST 20 Donat and Claire Fortier request for a Variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow replacement of an existing manufactured housing unit, outside the original footprint and closer to the front property line than allowed. Property is located at 11 Depot Street in a "V" Zone, Tax Lot 20/37/00, ZBA #1897. **GRANTED**

AUGUST 20 NEM, Inc. request for a Special Exception of Article IV of the Wetlands Ordinance to allow two minimum impact wetlands crossings for the purpose of installing a sewer line. Property is located at 434 and 444 State Route 106, in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 10/57/01 and 13/07/00, ZBA #1997. **GRANTED**

AUGUST 20 Edward Mayer request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.d. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition to an existing non-conforming structure where the addition will be closer to the high water mark than allowed, but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 36 Dutile Shore Road, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 31/09/00, ZBA #2097. **GRANTED**

AUGUST 20 Bruce Stone request for a Variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow existing structure to be relocated on lot, closer to the two side property lines than allowed, but not closer than it exists at this time. Property is located at 10 Sunshine Drive in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 10/17/17, ZBA #2197. **GRANTED**

SEPTEMBER 17 James Slowey request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.c. of the Zoning Ordinance to increase usable space on the second floor of the existing non-conforming building by raising the roof and installing dormer. Property is located at 411 Brown Hill Road, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 27/47/00, ZBA #2297. **GRANTED**

SEPTEMBER 17 Roland M. and Clara D. Carignan for John and Martha Glidden request for a Variance of Article V, Table 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a residential garage closer (6') to the side line than allowed (12.5') and closer (29') to the front property line than allowed (50'). Property is located at 15 Leisure Lane in an "RM" Zone, Tax Lot 24/60/00, ZBA #2397. **GRANTED**

SEPTEMBER 17 Robert Touchette and Dorothy Bradley request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to approve existing expansion of a deck closer (25') to the front property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 612 Durrell Mountain Road in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 14/31/00, ZBA #2497. **TABLED**

SEPTEMBER 17 George Lacourse request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a connecting addition closer (33') to the front property

line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 535 State Route 106 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 11/69/00, ZBA #2597. **GRANTED**

OCTOBER 15 Robert Touchette and Dorothy Bradley request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to approve existing expansion of a deck closer (25') to the front property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 612 Durrell Mountain Road, in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 14/31/00, ZBA #2497. **GRANTED**

OCTOBER 15 Lawrence and Maureen Record request for a Special Exception of Article IV of the Wetlands Ordinance to construct a driveway with 2 culverts over seasonal brook in accordance with State permit. Property is located at 1251 State Route 106 in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 21/80/00, ZBA #2697. **GRANTED**

OCTOBER 15 Marcel Sinotte for Mallard's Landing request for a Variance of Article VII. C. of the Zoning Ordinance to change the conditions of a previous Variance and allow a roof to be constructed over an open deck. Property is located at 200 Union Road, Site 38F, Mallard's Landing in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 29/01/38F, ZBA #2797. **GRANTED**

OCTOBER 15 Timothy Whalen request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition to a pre-existing non-conforming structure, where the addition will be closer (22') to the side property line than allowed (25'). Property is located at 128 Hurricane Road in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 04/48/00, ZBA #2897. **GRANTED**

OCTOBER 15 Arthur Gilbert, Jr. request for Special Exception of Article V, Table 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to grant approval for existing in-law apartment. Property is located at 24 Leavitt Road in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 11/81/00, ZBA #2997. **GRANTED**

NOVEMBER 19 Larry Dupont, Jr. request for an Appeal of Administrative Decision of a decision by the Planning Administrator under Article V, Table 2, and Article VII.C.2. & 3. of the Zoning Ordinance. Property is located at 171 State Route 140W, Pine Gardens Mobile Home Park, in an "RM" Zone. Sites are contained on property Tax Lots 02/29/00 and 02/30/00, ZBA #3097. **DENIED**

NOVEMBER 19 Bruce Cardinal request for a Special Exception of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an addition to a single family residence closer (42') to the road property line than allowed (50') and closer (20' & 23') to both side property lines than allowed (25'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 28 Silkwood Avenue in an "R" Zone, Tax Lot 10/17/34, ZBA #3197. **GRANTED**

NOVEMBER 19 Mark Mooney request for a Variance of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an industrial building closer (25') to the road property line than allowed (50'). Property is located off Higgins Drive in an "I" Zone, Tax Lots 06/47/05 & 06/47/06, ZBA #3297. **GRANTED**

NOVEMBER 19 Theodore Murray, Sr. request for a Variance of Article V, Table 2, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a single family residence closer (25') to the road property line than allowed (50'). Property is located at 115 Sunset Drive, in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 28/56/01, ZBA #3397. **DENIED**

NOVEMBER 19 Samantha Schofield-McCarthy request for a Special Exception of Article VIII.A.3.d of the Zoning Ordinance to construct an addition to a single family residence closer (39') to the road property line than allowed (50'), but not closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 22 Leisure Lane in a "RM" Zone, Tax Lot 24/45/00, ZBA #3497. **GRANTED**

NOVEMBER 19 Central Baptist Church request for a Variance of Article V, Table 1, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a non-permitted use, church. Property is located at 14 Dutile Rd/Rte 106, in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 11/18/00, ZBA #3597. **TABLED**

DECEMBER 17 Central Baptist Church continued request for a Variance of Article V, Table 1, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a non-permitted use, a church. Property is located at 14 Dutile Rd/Rte 106, in a "C" Zone, Tax Lot 11/18/00, ZBA #3597. **DENIED**

DECEMBER 17 Keith O'Donnell request for a Special Exception of Article IV of the Wetlands Ordinance to allow construction of an addition to single family residence closer (36') to the high water mark than allowed (50'), but closer than the existing structure. Property is located at 201 Gardner Grove Road in an "RS" Zone, Tax Lot 15/10/00, ZBA #3697. **GRANTED**

DECEMBER 17 Ronald Mitchell request for a Variance of Article V.B. Table 2 to convert four commercial units in an existing mixed (commercial/multi-family) building. The property is located at 34 Main Street/Rte 140 in a "V" Zone, Tax Lot 20/47/00, ZBA# 3797. **GRANTED**

BELMONT PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 1997

The number of Subdivision and Site Plan applications increased during 1997. The remaining applications submitted to the Board during remained steady.

Subdivisions	6
Site Plans	16
Boundary Line Adjustments	1
Approval Extensions	5
Revocations Approvals	2
Informal Discussions	10
Abutters' and Public Hearings	43
Meetings & Work Sessions	21

In the fall of 1997, a meeting was held of Town Boards and Commissions, local commercial realtors and the NH Department of Transportation. Several issues were discussed and DOT gave updates on the improvements scheduled for Route 106 and for the proposed Route 140 bypass. Although the ultimate improvements to Route 106 are not scheduled in the near future, there are four interim improvements included in the State's ten-year improvement plan for intersections in Belmont along with ROW purchases. The work on these four intersections, Concord Street/Rte 106, Plummer Hill/Bishop Roads, Dutile/Leavitt Roads and Farrarville/Lamprey Roads, is scheduled to be completed by the year 2000.

The State is also in Phase 1 of the investigative studies for the construction of a Route 140 bypass. They are focusing on the westerly leg which would run from Route 106 and access the existing Route 140 west of Belmont village. Construction is scheduled for the year 2006 although the exact corridor had not yet been chosen.

Additionally, the Board has continued to recommend methods that would support industrial development within the community. Along with supporting the Water and Sewer Commission in extending facilities, the Board is proposing to extend the Industrial Zone within the Belmont Sand & Gravel property off Route 106. This expansion is with the cooperation of the property owner and will be on the ballot in March for the voters' consideration.

The Board has finalized a complete revision of the Subdivision Regulations and scheduled a public hearing for consideration of its adoption. The new regulations are in compliance with State law and include standardized technical data for the review of proposed subdivisions.

Lastly, the Board has reviewed the issue of manufactured housing (mobile homes). Based on a recommendation from the 1992 Master Plan, as well as a review of the number of manufactured housing units already existing in Parks and on individual lots outside of Parks, the Board has placed a proposed amendment on the ballot which would restrict new manufactured home sites to Manufactured Housing Parks and Manufactured Housing Subdivisions. Of course, replacement units would still be allowed where a unit currently exists. This amendment is meant to affect only those individual lots within the community, outside of Parks, which are still undeveloped.

We anticipate a busy 1998 season. At this time there are open seats on the Board for Alternate Members. This is an excellent way to help guide the future of Belmont, both environmentally and economically, while working to assist the citizens of Belmont in their daily land use needs.

Reginald Caldwell
Chairman

TOWN OF BELMONT
BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1997

1997 proved to be a busy and historic year for the Town of Belmont. The Belmont Town Hall's interior was remodeled and the historic Belmont Mill commenced renovation. Even with a decrease in permits issued, the overall unit numbers were the second highest since 1988. Four (4) new businesses were established and a new elderly housing project commenced and should be complete in the spring of 1998.

The following permits were issued for 1997:

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	1997	1996	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Single Family	7	12	-5
Two Family	0	0	0
Multi-Family	4	0	+4
Number of Units	40	0	+40
Manufactured Housing Units *	26	32	-6
Replacement Units **	19	0	+19
Residential Additions/Alterations	62	66	-4
Accessory Buildings (Garages, Sheds, etc.)	35	50	-15
Public Buildings	3	0	+3
Public Building Alterations	2	2	0
Commercial/Industrial	2	1	+1
Commercial/Industrial Alterations	5	8	-3
Demolition	7	14	-7
Other - (Signs, Pools, etc.)	22	25	-3
Permits - (Electrical, Plumbing) (Mechanical)	5	9	-4
TOTAL PERMITS	199	219	+20

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION:
Residential - $2,858,207.00
Multi-Family Housing - $1,700,000.00
Commercial/Industrial - $2,219,600.00
Educational - $6,470,000.00
TOTAL- $13,247,807.00

* This number represents new manufactured housing units placed on previously unoccupied sites or lots.

** This number represents replacements and relocations of manufactured housing units.

In Belmont's Service,

Gary G. Boisvert
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE CEMETERIES

It has been three years since Belmont, for the first time, elected Trustees of the Cemeteries. A few voters have hinted that we are slower than death so it seems to be a good idea to submit our first report. Since this is the first there will most likely be some errors and omissions.

It is important to state that the South Road Cemetery is a private corporation governed by its own directors and thus is separate from the Town. There are also two private cemeteries in town governed and maintained by the families who established them.

We are responsible for the remaining TWENTY-SIX cemeteries and burial grounds in Belmont.

The following list of locations may be helpful:

(Some of these cemeteries are known by more than one name but we have chosen to use just one name in this report.)

Name	Approximate Location
Adams	Jamestown Rd.
Bartlett	Horne Rd.
Bean Hill	Bean Hill Rd.
Dow	Province & Hoadley Rd.
Farrar	Province Rd.
Folsom	Province Rd.
Gile	Jamestown Rd.
Hackett	Hackett Rd.
Hadley	Federal St.
Highland	Church Hill
Jackson	Jamestown Rd.
Jamestown	Jamestown Rd.
Judkins	Hurricane & Union Rd.
Ladd Hill	Ladd Hill Rd.
Lamprey	Province & Durrell Mt. Rd.
Leavitt	Leavitt Rd.
Perkins	Perkins Rd.
Page	Lamprey Rd.
Prescott	Bishop Rd.
Randlett	Plummer Hill Rd.
Spiller	Province Rd.
Swallow	Swallowtail Rd.
Weymouth	Brown Hill Rd.
Wolcott	Durrell Mt. Rd.
Woodman	Hurricane Rd.
Young	Leavitt Rd.

The private cemeteries are Chertok on Shaker Rd. and Deroy on Leavitt Rd.

If anyone knows of additional cemeteries, burial grounds or any indication of the same please let us know.

Prior to 1995 the Trustees of the Trust Funds were responsible for these cemeteries and around 1985 started a program of maintenance and restoration. We are continuing and expanding that program.

We have visited all of the cemeteries and have discussed plans for the gradual restoration, protection and maintenance of every cemetery without putting the Town Budget in a hole. Inspection of each cemetery every year, to determine its needs, is expected to vary any plans.

Completed and ongoing work (1985 through 1997) includes:

In almost every cemetery listed below serious and extensive brush control, brush cutting, tree trimming, and tree removals have been done. This will always be an ongoing, time consuming, labor intensive project. Every cemetery is mowed according to its needs.

The condition of each cemetery (within the walls) will be indicated after the name G=good, A=average (does need work), P=poor and VB=very bad.

Bartlett (A); removed huge amount of debris and rebuilt part of the stone walls 1990 - 1995, repaired monuments 1998.

Bean Hill (P); rebuilt some of stone walls about 1993, repaired gate 1993 and removed many years of fallen leaves.

Dow (A); fence repaired in 1989 and scheduled to be replaced in 1999, trees removed 1996.

Folsom (A); stone walls rebuilt and trees severely trimmed in 1993, hundreds of saplings will be removed in 1998, some monument work is needed.

Gile (G); monuments cleaned, repaired and replaced in late 1980's, eradicated woodchucks 1991.

Hackett (A); stone wall repaired 1993 and door sealed 1998.

Highland (G); extensive monument repairs completed about 1985 and in 1996 due to natural weathering, two hundred feet of picket fences replaced both in 1996 and 1997 and the last two hundred feet to be replaced this year.

Jackson (A); monuments cleaned, repaired and replaced, most of stone wall rebuilt and eradicated woodchucks 1991 through 1994.

Jamestown (G); monuments cleaned, repaired and replaced, also fences and wall repaired 1990 - 1995, many years of fallen leaves and branches removed.

Judkins (A); extensive rebuilding of the stone wall about 1993.

Lamprey (G); monuments cleaned and repaired, fence repaired 1990 - 1992.

Leavitt (A); monuments cleaned and stone wall repaired about 1993.

Perkins (P); several trees will be removed this year and about thirty monuments must be replaced or repaired in the future. Also aided a gentleman in finding his grandmothers grave.

Page (A); a single monument was placed about 1990 to remember many buried here whose headstones were destroyed by vandals, some repairs made to the stone wall about 1995.

Prescott (VB); (possibly our oldest cemetery) the grounds have been cleaned and a positive restoration may soon take place, additional monument found (by a neighbor doing some clean-up) in 1996.

Randlett (VB); (possible second oldest cemetery) it is expected that a local family/business will soon start volunteer tree work in here.

Spiller (G); this burial ground was just located in 1988 and is cared for by the landowner.

Swallow (VB); this was found by Ken Roeder about 1983 and the broken headstones were found in 1990. This cemetery needs extensive work but plans are not set yet.

Weymouth (A); hundreds of saplings will be removed in 1999.

Woodman (P); re-erected some monuments, rebuilt stone walls about 1993.

Young (G); monuments cleaned and repaired about 1991 and stone walls rebuilt in 1993, this cemetery now abuts a private cemetery and that family is maintaining it.

We wish to thank those who volunteered, were hired and were contracted with to do this work since 1989. Some of them are Joann Hughes, Gary Daoust, Larry Clairmont, Karen and Mike McCarty, The Athertons, Jim Mumford, Belva (Moehle) Pearson, Helen Hill, Sue Roberts, Wallace Rhodes, Joanne Ricard, Mark Roberts, Mark Akerstrom, Laconia Monument Co., Briarcrest Estates, Envirofab Inc., Belmont Highway Dept. and prior to 1995 Bob Richards, Steve Smith and Bill Ekberg.

Their energy, expertise, interest, honesty and professionalism have benefited Belmont and have been greatly appreciated by all of us!

No matter how much work has been done the condition of some of our cemeteries is grave.

There is much more work to do.

In most cases the cemetery vandalism that has occurred was never reported timely, by neighbors, to the police. We must all take a proprietary interest in guarding and maintaining the records and poignant memories that are contained in each cemetery.

If anyone has historic records, genealogy records or photographs of our cemeteries could we see them? We would like to make copies and enter them into the computer records that Judy Pilliod is compiling. We have the ability to scan photographs and they will also become a part of the computer record. Your photos are not damaged by this scan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Ekberg
Norma Patten
Judy Pilliod

BELMONT CIVIC PROFILE

In January of 1995 residents of Belmont embarked on a self-examination project to help the community plan for its future. This Civic Profile process was open to all, supported by the Selectmen, and structured by the UNH Cooperative Extension working with the NH Office of State Planning. In examining the needs and wants of the town with the goal of preserving the good and providing for the future, six areas were identified and goals and objectives developed. Key issues selected were:

IMAGE PRIDE AND VALUES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNICATION LEADERSHIP CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES AND EDUCATION.

Many of the projects adopted have been accomplished or are on-going. The Steering Committee would like to mention several 1997 achievements:

Expansion of the Adopt-A-Highway efforts - Civic Profile has been joined by Belmont Rotary, Knights of Columbus and Belmont High School Environmental Club.

Successes in Economic Development - Thanks to the Selectmen, Planning Board, Legislative Representatives and all those who have worked and continue to work toward this goal.

"BELMONT BETTER TIMES" - Thanks to Steve Jesseman, his committee, all those who contributed articles, Tom Goulette and his Graphic Arts Program, and all those who collated, stapled, folded and helped prepare it for mailing.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - Thanks to all those who have stepped forward to help with community service as needed through the year.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE,
SUBMITTED TO THE OLD HOME DAY PROGRAM BOOKLET IN AUGUST
reflects many of the concerns which surfaced at the original Civic Profile.

A special spirit is alive in Belmont! This spirit drove the effort that saved the "old" mill. This is the same spirit that worked for the creation of a "new" high school. And this spirit can be felt whenever one passes by the new police and fire stations, or the newly restored old bandstand.

From the renovations to the old town hall building to the new construction of industrial properties on Route 106, there is at once a sense of growth, of potential and new heights being reached and yet, of preservation, of history, of old treasures being cherished.

The same spirit that inspired the adage "Make New Friends, but Keep the Old" has inspired this year's theme, " Remembering the Past, Building for the Future."

Rare is the community that blends this powerful, dynamic energy with the warm, protectiveness of heritage. It is a Belmont specialty. THANK YOU BELMONT!

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A NEW COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS, OR IN JOINING ONE OF THE EXISTING ACTION GROUPS, CONTACT US. Cathy Sweeney or Sue Roberts, co-chairmen

REPORT ON E-911

During the past year, the town of Belmont has been working on the E-911 emergency dispatching system. This system will enable emergency services such as police, fire, and medical personnel to easily find your home or business in an emergency. When you place a call to 911, your telephone number and address appear on a computer screen even if you are unable to talk or pass out while on the phone. This address remains until emergency personnel arrive at the scene. The 911 operator will remain on the line with you giving you instructions in case of a medical emergency.

We are in the process of assigning new numbers to homes and businesses in the town. There were also some name changes to roads as there were a few roads in town with duplicate names. Having two roads in town with the same name causes a slower response to an emergency as personnel want to be certain they are responding to the correct address, especially if the duplicate road is located on the opposite side of town.

The new addresses should be sent out in the near future. Home and business owners can assist us by properly addressing their homes. This can be done by placing a minimum of a 3 inch high number, in a contrasting color, to their homes or businesses if they can be seen from the road and are not set back by more than 50 feet. If your home or business can not be seen, or is set back more than 50 feet, your mailbox should be numbered. We recommend numbering both sides of the mailbox if it is on the same side of the road as your house, and on the front of the mailbox if it is across the street. If you do not have a mailbox, a post should be placed at the end of the driveway with the house number on both sides of the post. This will help the responders find the address more quickly.

If you have any questions about numbering, please contact me at the Belmont Fire Department between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard K. Siegel
Deputy Fire Chief
E-911 Liaison

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

During 1997 we were able to sit down with State Agency's and set up a plan to notify people living along the shore's of Silver Lake when the Lochmere Dam is going to be opened up. This notification process will allow people living along the lake to sand bag around their home or leave the area until the water is back down to its normal level. This has been a big problem in the past. As far as I know everything went very smooth this past spring.

Also during 1997 we were able to purchase many items for the town through the Federal Surplus Program. Over $11,669.00 worth of goods were purchased for less than $863.00 which ended up saving 92.5% off the book price of the items purchased.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Department Heads, Town Administrator and the citizens of Belmont for their support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert J. Akerstrom III
Emergency Management Director

BELMONT OLD HOME DAY

Belmont Old Home Day 1997 was held on Saturday, August 9th. The theme was "REMEMBERING THE PAST; BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE." Tribute was paid to Chief Mike McCarty for his 25 years of service to the town. Also honored were Mike Cozort and Lincoln Noel.

The festivities were largely attended and enjoyed by all. They started with the pancake breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and lasted all day and evening. Other highlights were the road race, a huge parade, all day crafts and concessions, a chicken barbecue at the fire station, a dance and concert and ended with a wonderful display of fireworks.

This year something new was tried; we held all evening festivities at Bryant field behind the school. There seemed to be a great crowd and things appeared to go very well. We would be interested in feedback from you townspeople to see how you liked the change.

The Old Home Day Association would like to thank all those that helped make the day so successful; Tony Brown who did a fantastic job as Chairman, all those who helped organize and implement all the details, those helping to line up the parade, the parade judges, the parade commentator, those organizing the road race, and the fire department for their assistance during the race. We also thank the fire department for putting on a great chicken barbecue, the police department for their all day and evening coverage, and Pete Poire for his expertise in setting up the fantastic fireworks display. And last but not least, we thank all of you who came out and enjoyed the festivities and made the day such a success.

We are already thinking about Old Home Day 1998 which will be held on Saturday, August 8th. The Old Home Day Association is actively looking for new volunteers to help with this very rewarding endeavor. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tony Brown, Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Crockett
Clerk, BOHD

1997 BELMONT SEWER COMMISSION REPORT

This has been a quiet year for the Belmont Sewer Commission, with mostly just routine day-to-day business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard A. Fournier, Chairman
Arthur Stewart
Ward Peterson

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN ADVISORY BOARD

The Winnipesaukee River Basin Project had little activity as far as the Advisory Board was concerned this year. The Franklin Regional Treatment plant, which processes Belmont's sewage, experienced increased cost due to various towns banning the spreading of EPA approved sludge on farm land. If this continues to be a trend, Belmont's cost will obviously go up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard A. Fournier
Belmont Representative

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Belmont Public Library was built in 1927 and given as a gift to the Town by the Duffy Brothers in 1928.

In seventy years, so much has changed as the town has grown and new laws come into compliance.

We are proud of our library which is now on the National Historic Register.

Our state has grown smaller, "so to speak," now that we have a computer, and we are closer to the other libraries across the state.

At this writing, we are in hopes of having a ramp built, to make it possible for handicap people to access the building. A boy scout, Shawn Appleyard, is working on this project toward his Eagle Scout Award.

We are enthusiastic about our library's growth, which is now 1,600 plus.

Also, we're looking forward to a much needed expansion of the library building, to include a reading lounge for adults, and an expanded reading and story time area for the children. Of course, we're looking forward to more computers to link us with the world.

We regretfully announce Lincoln Noel's resignation, effective April 1st. He has been a very valuable asset to the library overseeing that the repairs and maintenance projects were done. We will miss your expertise Linc, and thank you so very much for all the years you've put into the library.

The downstairs hall is used for various community meetings. It was even suggested that we have a "Reading Book Club," for the adults at the library. Anyone interested??

Our Librarian, Joanne Ricard, is doing a superb job. Because of our computer connection to the State Library and other town libraries, she is busier than ever, bringing our library into automation.

We welcome David Morse, a concerned Belmont Citizen, and a prospective library trustee. He has been working recently, as liaison regarding the ramp for the library.

In working towards our library expansion, we do hope that concerned Belmont Citizens will form a "Friends of the Library" group to aid us in this area.

Enthusiastically yours,

Dawn P. Kidd
Lincoln Noel
Frankie Pugh
Trustees

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT—1997

Auto Registrations	$649,721.00
Municipal Agent Fees	17,122.00
Dog Licenses—Inc. Kennels	5,694.00
Recordings and Discharges	5,286.34
Marriage Licenses	2,340.00
Copies	1,392.10
Filing Fees	3.00
Title Applications Fees (CTA)	2,818.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	488.00
Total Remitted to Treasurer	$684,864.44

I hereby certify that the above Town Clerk's Report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Doralyn M. Harper
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTORS ACCOUNTS—1997

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED 01/01/97:	1997	1996	1995 & P/Y
Property		1,007,328.84	
Yield Tax		1,408.75	
Current Use		3,139.62	
Interest & Costs		112.95	
COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:			
Property	8,704,571.76		
Boat Tax	19,155.86		
Current Use	16,640.00		
Yield Tax	3,902.92		
Credit Memos	1,589.61		
Interest Charged	15,498.42	64,208.28	
Overpayments	11,566.84	7,043.13	
TOTAL DEBITS	$8,772,925.41	$1,183,241.57	-0-

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:			
Property	7,722,661.47	528,922.40	
Current Use	11,040.00	1,569.81	
Yield Tax	2,834.45	1,000.19	
Boat Tax	19,155.86		
Interest Collected	15,246.69	28,726.99	
ACCOUNTS TO LIEN:			
Property		567,563.13	
Yield Tax		408.56	
Interest & Costs		35,594.24	
ABATEMENTS:			
Property	19,658.21	17,886.44	
Current Use		1,569.81	
UNCOLLECTED 12/31/97:			
Property	975,408.53		
Yield Tax	1,068.47		
Current Use	5,600.00		
Interest	251.73		
TOTAL CREDITS	$8,772,925.41	$1,183,241.57	-0-

TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS—1997

DEBITS	1996	95 & P/Y
Unredeemed Accounts 01/01/97		588,339.80
Interest Due, 01/01/97		1,939.08
Liens Executed, 04/16/97	614,865.43	
Overpayments	398.03	
Interest Charged	17,489.04	90,346.97
TOTAL DEBITS	$632,752.50	$680,625.85
CREDITS		
Redemptions	284,730.67	329,757.43
Interest Collected	17,507.12	85,125.61
Abatements	9,523.18	10,369.70
Unredeemed, 12/31/97	321,009.61	248,212.67
Interest Due, 12/31/97	(18.08)	7,160.44
TOTAL CREDITS	$632,752.50	$680,625.85

1997 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND		
Land in Current Use		$ 931,103
Residential		71,528,158
Commercial/Industrial		19,082,829
VALUE OF BUILDINGS		
Residential		113,284,457
Manufactured Housing		12,315,895
Commercial/Industrial		36,681,184
VALUE OF UTILITIES		
Energy North		$ 162,255
NH Electric Cooperative		275,683
Public Service of NH		2,536,080
Water Utility		118,440
VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		$ 256,916,084
EXEMPTIONS		
Blind Exemptions	5	$ 75,000
Elderly Exemptions	109	4,860,000
Solar Exemptions	2	16,635
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		$ 4,951,635
TOTAL VALUATION		$ 251,964,449
TAX CREDITS		
War Service Credits	378	$37,800
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans, Widows or Spouses	12	$16,800
TOTAL TAX CREDITS		$ 54,600
TAX EXEMPT LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Land		$ 4,416,500.00
Buildings		9,714,540.00
TOTAL TAX EXEMPT LAND AND BUILDING		$ 14,131,040.00

1997 SUMMARY OF LANDS IN CURRENT USE

LAND CLASSIFICATION

	Acres Granted in PriorYears	Acres Granted in Current Year	Total Acres
Farm Land	1,237.43	1.71	1,239.14
Forest Land	6,870.77	94.49	6,965.26
Unproductive Land	8.29	-0-	8.29
Wet Land	660.87	3.70	664.57

Total Acres in Current Use	8,877.26
Total Acres Withdrawn from Current Use in 1996	-0-
Total Acres Receiving 20% Recreational Adjustment	3,875.23
Total of Owners Granted Current Use Assessment	503.00

NOTICE TO CURRENT USE APPLICANTS

New applicants for Current Use must fully complete a Current Use application form with a map clearly showing the land to be considered for Current Use taxation. All applications and maps must be filed with the Board of Selectmen not later than April 15, 1998, with the required filing fee.

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

US Army Corp of Engineers, Land Only	7.97	6/47-4	151,420
Sunray Shores Improvement Assoc., Land Only	5.08	7/22-1	21,150
Sunray Shores Improvement Assoc., Land & Bldg.	.12	30/9	25,080
So. Baptist Church of Laconia, Land & Bldg.	11.40	7/45	378,360
South Road Cemetery, Land Only	17.70	3/19	13,510
NH Public Utilities, Land Only	4.70	10/32	7,540
NH Public Utilities, Land Only	2.28	10/33	62,800
Belknap County 4-H Assoc., Land Only	7.39	11/93-1	29,930
Belknap County 4-H Assoc., Land & Bldg.	5.64	10/67	93,590
Belknap County 4-H Assoc., Land Only	7.76	10/67-1	24,780
Belknap County 4-H Assoc., Land Only	5.23	10/72-3	21,080
NH, State of, Land Only, B&M Railroad	.30	4/52	240
NH, State of, Land Only, Old Rte. 3	9.14	10/29-1	18,280
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	22.40	10/29-2	89,600
NH, State of, Land & Bldg., Brown Hill Rd.	5.10	9/10	70,000
NH, State of, Land Only, Old Rte. 3	1.30	10/31-1	5,200
NH, State of, Land & Bldg., Brown Hill Rd.	10.30	9/12	228,560
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	2.75	10/35	27,500
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	1.30	31/1	277,560
NH, State of, Land & Bldg., Rte. 140	23.73	2/12	361,540
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 106	.60	11/79	6,000
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	2.70	31/20	185,000
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 106	3.50	8/4	52,000
NH, State of, Land Only, off Dearborn St.	.11	20/36-1	1,000
NH, State of, Land Only, Brown Hill Rd.	29.10	9/37	33,010
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 140	.52	24/34	5,500
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	1.83	32/15	18,300

NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 3	2.75	33/2-1	27,500
NH, State of, Land Only, Rte. 107	1.00	13/19	9,600
NH, State of, Land Only, Grey Rocks Rd.	13.60	22/40	72,140
NH, State of, Land & Bldg., Rte. 3	7.14	32/2	206,000
Province Road Grange, Land & Bldg.	.50	13/56-1	35,710
Belmont Historical Society, Land & Bldg.	.80	14/13	59,820
Genera Corp., Land & Bldg.	1.40	15/57	122,110
Shaker Regional School Dist., Land Only	1.34	18/21	22,770
Shaker Regional School Dist., Land Only	36.88	5/48-1	5,014
Shaker Regional School Dist., Land & Bldg.	53.00	6/44	3,004,020
Baptist Church, Land & Bldg.	2.21	20/25	344,230
Belmont Library, Land & Bldg.	.22	20/41	166,670
Catholic Church Parish, Land & Bldg.	1.80	21/14	931,670
Catholic Church Parish, Land & Bldg.	1.00	21/47	237,390
Water Resources Board, Land Only	3.70	22/1	92,000
Water Resources Board, Land Only	4.15	22/2	133,880
Winnisquam Fire Dept., Land & Bldg.	.32	31/27	134,200

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

STREET NAME	MAP & LOT #	ACREAGE	VALUE
South Road, Land Only			
Off Route 140, Old R. R. Bed,	2-13	12.00	24,620
Land Only		10.46	68,570
Route 140, Land Only	2-42-1	1.03	11,500
South Road, Land Only	3-1-2	.97	9,560
Jefferson Road, Land Only	4-34-1	1.09	14,400
Union Road, Land Only	4-34-28	1.39	14,730
Union Road, Land Only	4-34-29	1.52	15,970
Union Road, Land Only	4-34-30	2.08	14,390
Jefferson Road, Land Only	4-34-8	.97	9,870
Union Road, Land Only	4-35-A	.40	5,170
Off Jamestown Road, Land Only	4-50	11.59	7,880
Hurricane Road, Highway Shed Land & Buildings	5-32	4.40	19,040
Hurricane Road, Closed Landfill, Land Only	5-33	68.60	69,520
Murray park, Pumping Station Land & Building	5-61	30.00	65,500
Wildlife Blvd, Town Forest, Land Only	5-69	31.22	43,840
Hurricane Road, Land Only	5-72	11.00	9,820
Shaker Road, Land Only	6-13	2.20	43,460
Water Tank, Land & Building	6-43	7.80	369,040
Ladd Hill Road, Land Only	7-23-16	1.13	16,640
Horne Road, Cemetery	7-42	.05	4,230
Bean Hill Road, Land Only	8-18-1	.40	15,510
Bean Hill Road, Cemetery	8-22	.20	5,060
Lamprey Road, Cemetery	8-41	.10	2,200
Edith Lane, Land Only	8-51-1	6.00	18,500
Edith Lane, Land Only	8-55	3.00	6,000
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-61-26	7.33	23,420
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-62	1.40	5,040
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-62-1	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-62-2	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-63-2	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-64	1.67	14,570
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-65	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-66	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-67	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-68	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-69	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-70	2.64	5,780
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-73	.67	4,600
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-77	2.93	4,220
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-77-1	.77	4,660
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-79	1.03	4,820
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-80	.77	4,660
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-81	.25	4,350

	8-81-1	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-81-2	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-81-3	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-81-4	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-82	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-82-2	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-86	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-86-1	.45	4,470
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-88	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-88-1	.12	4,270
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-89	3.00	6,000
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-91	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-94	2.09	5,450
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-98	2.57	5,740
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-100	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-101	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-102	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-103	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-104	.51	4,510
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-107	1.54	5,120
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-110	13.00	13,340
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-111	17.00	28,600
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-112	2.08	15,250
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-118	2.00	5,400
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-124	2.57	16,080
Dutile Road, Land Only	8-128-1	.25	4,350
Dutile Road, Land Only	9-34-4	2.38	15,830
Brown Hill Road, Land Only	9-49	1.00	800
Farrarville Road, Land Only	10-46	1.50	1,200
Peter Court, Land Only	11-77	3.36	2,690
Plummer Hill Road, Land Only	13-27	1.70	51,000
Route 107, Land Only	17-18	8.18	151,040
Belmont Mill, Land & Buildings	20-26	2.40	40,640
Church Hill, Land Only	20-41	.22	166,670
Library, Land & Building	20-42	.49	24,340
Main Street, Parking Lot	20-49	1.08	33,450
Main Street, Land Only	20-56	.26	30,860
Mill Street, Park Land & Building	21-12	3.55	930,570
Fire Station, Land & Buildings	21-62	.08	6,900
Fuller Street, Parking Lot	21-64	.08	34,400
Old American Legion Hall, Land & Building	21-70	2.77	198,090
Police Dept., Highway Dept, Park, Land & Buildings	21-73	.17	118,080
Town Hall, Land & Building	22-5-A	.00	**56,000**
Breck Circle, Sewer Ejector Station, Building Only			
Off Grey Rocks Road, Land Only	22-36-A	.15	1,400
Holly Tree Lane, Land Only	24-15	.14	3,180
Gilmanton Road, Land Only	24-104-1	.50	15,680
Jefferson Road East, Sewer	25-4-A	.00	56,000

Ejector Station, Bldg Only			
Jefferson Road West, Sewer Ejector Station, Bldg Only	25-39-A	.00	56,000
Sandy Beach, Sewer Ejector Station, Bldg Only	26-27-A	.00	56,000
Nancy Drive, Pumping Station, Land & Buildings	29-51-A	.45	24,730
Elaine Drive, Land Only	30-57	.27	12,810
Elaine Drive, Land Only	30-82	.25	3,350
Elaine Drive, Land Only	30-83	.28	10,130
Off Dupont Road, R.O.W., Land Only	31-21-2	.05	500
Route 3, Land Only	31-22	.21	2,100
Route 3, Land Only	31-23	.27	2,700
Route 3, Building Only	32-2-P	.00	2,450
Route 3, Building Only	32-2-Q	.00	1,090

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS.

You are hereby notified to meet for the 1998 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden in two sessions as follows:

FIRST SESSION

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire, on the 10th day of March next, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:00 in the afternoon, to act upon the following subject:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2. Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment as proposed BY PETITION:

To see if the Town of Belmont will allow the storage & sale of manufactured housing in the Commercial Zone.

(BY PETITION - NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

☐ YES ☐ NO

3. Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment as proposed BY PETITION:

To see if the Town will vote to allow Manufactured Housing on lots in the Residential Single Family and Village Zones with the same zoning restrictions as site-built housing, per RSA 674:32.

(BY PETITION - NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

☐ YES ☐ NO

THE PLANNING BOARD SUPPORTS AND RECOMMENDS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Manufactured Housing units (other than replacement units) will only be allowed in Manufactured Housing Parks & Manufactured Housing Subdivisions. Such Parks & Subdivisions will be allowed in the Rural & Multi-Family Zones. Amend the requirements for such Parks & Subdivisions.

☐ YES ☐ NO

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Setbacks between unrelated structures in Manufactured Housing Parks may be reduced for units meeting a minimum fire safety rating.

☐ YES ☐ NO

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Allow Sales Lot for Manufactured Housing Units in Commercial Zone.

☐ YES ☐ NO

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Allow Storage Vehicles & Storage Trailers in the Commercial & Industrial Zones.

☐ YES ☐ NO

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Require that commercial Resource Recycling activities take place within a structure.

☐ YES ☐ NO

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

List "Light Manufacturing" under the Commercial Uses section of the Ordinance.

☐ YES ☐ NO

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Allow Service Business in the Industrial Zone by Special Exception.

☐ YES ☐ NO

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Allow Fraternal & Social Clubs & Halls, Funeral Homes and Schools in the Residential Multi-Family, Residential Single Family, Rural and Village Zones. Clarify that "Theater" means "Movie Theater".

☐ YES ☐ NO

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Nonconforming buildings demolished and rebuilt can be expanded up to 40% within the setback by Special Exception.

☐ YES ☐ NO

13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

If a variance is required to expand a nonconforming structure, a special exception is not necessary.

☐ YES ☐ NO

14. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Add an "Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement" in accordance with NH RSA 674:33-a.

☐ YES ☐ NO

15. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Define Salvage Yard (includes items not already regulated under Junk Yard).

☐ YES ☐ NO

16. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Define and regulate Site Construction Trailer (for temporary use on job sites).

☐ YES ☐ NO

17. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance:

Redefine Contractor's Yard (includes supplies,vehicles,equipment).

☐ YES ☐ NO

18. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #15 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Wetlands Ordinance:

Require a setback for commercial earth excavation.

☐ YES ☐ NO

19. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #16 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Map:

Convert all of tax lot 06/52/01 and more of tax lot 03/26/00, both off Route 106, to an Industrial Zone.

☐ YES ☐ NO

SECOND SESSION

The SECOND SESSION shall be holden at the Roland S. Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, New Hampshire on the 14th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the reports of boards and committees.

ARTICLE 2. To see what the Town will do with the income from the John M. Sargent Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $110,870 for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund established for that purpose which is funded from the receipts generated from the operation of the ambulance service. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,600 for the purpose of purchasing new ambulance equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund established for that purpose which is funded from the receipts generated from the operation of the ambulance service. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $29,852 for the purpose of purchasing a new ½ ton pickup truck for the highway department and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the Capital Reserve Fund established for the purpose. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will enter into a two year contract for the revaluation of the Town of Belmont with a cost of $60,000 in year one and $80,000 in year two, and that the aforementioned sum of $60,000 be raised and appropriated and said sum be added to the appropriate line items in the 1998 Annual Town Budget. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA chapter 35 for the revaluation of the Town of Belmont and to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,000 to be placed in this fund and authorizing the Selectmen to act as agents to expend such funds. (This Warrant Article is an alternative to Article 6 above.) RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will enter into a two year contract for the re-mapping of the Town's Tax/Zoning maps with a cost of $49,350 in year one and $49,350 in year two, and that the aforementioned sum of $49,350 be raised and appropriated and said sum be added to the appropriate line items in the 1998 Annual Town Budget. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to ratify a two year contract between the Town of Belmont and the AFSCME Local 534, with a cost of $19,696.00 in year one and $23,150.00 in year two, and the sum of $19,696.00 be raised and appropriated and said sum be added to the appropriate line items in the 1998 Annual Town Budget. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen agents to expend the funds in the Capital Reserve Fund established for the improvement of Cotton Hill Road. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $190,000.00 for the reconstruction and improvement of Class V Highways, said appropriation to be funded by $126,034 from Highway Block Grant Funds provided by the State of New Hampshire and $63,966 to come from general taxation. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 to be added to the already established Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of a Public Works Facility on Hurricane Road in the Town of Belmont. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 to be placed in the Non- Capital Reserve fund established in 1996 for Economic Development in accordance with RSA Chapter 35.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for improvements to the Belmont Library as required by the Americans with Disabilities Rights Act. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA chapter 35 for the purchase of a new fire engine and to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 to be placed in this fund. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $32,000 for improvements to the Belmont Town Hall including the replacement of the roof. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $ 236,049 for the operation and maintenance of the Sewage Collection and Disposal System for the ensuing year.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $ 88,450 for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution and Treatment System for the ensuing year.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA chapter 35 for the purchase of a new computer system for the Belmont Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be placed in this fund. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA chapter 35 for improvements to the Winnisquam Recreation Area and to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000 to be placed in this fund and authorizing the Selectmen to act as agents to expend such funds in accordance with the desires of the Winnisquam Recreation Area Development Committee. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of 2,740,476 to fund the General Budget as recommended by the Belmont Budget Committee.

GENERAL BUDGET

		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
TOWN BUDGET		$3,184,376	$2,748,394	$2,730,166	$2,740,476
BUDGET DETAIL					
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
EXECUTIVE OFFICE					
Salary-Selectmen		7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Salary-Trustee, Trust Funds		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Salary-Moderator		150	375	375	375
Salary-Town Administrator		45,500	46,500	46,500	46,500
Salary-Exec. Secretary		21,223	25,067	25,067	25,067
Salary-Floating Secretary		14,050	15,050	15,050	15,050
Salary-Extra Hire		0	7,000	7,000	7,000
Salary-Overtime		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Telephone		2,563	4,000	4,000	4,000
Postage		663	1,100	1,100	1,100
Service Contracts		6,198	7,000	7,000	7,000
Computer		3,786	4,000	4,000	4,000

Printing		170	200	200	200
Public Notice Expense		484	750	750	750
Advertising		741	750	750	750
Belknap Cnty Registry		126	500	500	500
Conferences		569	1,200	1,200	1,200
Dues		595	1,200	1,200	1,200
LR Planning Commission		0	0	0	0
Books & Periodicals		1,741	1,400	1,400	1,400
Subscriptions		119	150	150	150
Training & Mileage		508	800	800	800
NHMA Dues		2,314	2,400	2,400	2,400
Professional Services		0	250	250	250
Equipment		1,255	1,200	1,200	1,200
Equip Repairs & Maint		254	555	555	555
Copier Lease - Service		1,107	1,620	1,620	1,620
Supplies		1,573	1,400	1,400	1,400
Stationary		221	275	275	275
Printing Town Report		2,085	3,000	3,000	3,000
Engineering Services		5,318	10,000	10,000	10,000
General Expense		522	700	700	700
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TOTAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE		$122,336	$147,942	$147,942	$147,942
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
ELECTION, REGISTRATION &					
VITAL STATISTICS					
Salary-Town Clerk		16,896	17,636	17,636	17,636
Salary-Deputy Town Clerk		12,298	12,652	12,652	12,652
Salary-Ballot Clerks		351	2,400	2,400	2,400
Salary-Supervisors, Checklist		258	1,000	1,000	1,000
Salary-Extra Hire		9,041	9,500	9,500	9,500
Salary-Overtime		219	500	500	500
Telephone		168	400	400	400

Postage		511	700	700	700
Service Contracts		1,273	900	900	900
Printing		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Advertising		104	300	300	300
Conferences		300	250	250	250
Dues		20	50	50	50
Training & Mileage		0	250	250	250
Meals		0	375	375	375
Equipment Maint & Repair		0	600	600	600
Supplies		809	700	700	700
Stationary		0	0	0	0
Forms		0	50	50	50
Supervisors Expense		1,254	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL ELECT REG & VITALS		$43,502	$51,263	$51,263	$51,263
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION					
Salary-Accountant		28,466	28,267	28,267	28,267
Salary-Treasurer		5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Salary-Tax Collector		16,897	17,636	17,636	17,636
Salary-Deputy Tax Collector		13,131	12,652	12,652	12,652
Salary-Overtime		516	600	600	600
Budget Committee Expenses		383	500	500	500
Telephone		377	600	600	600
Postage		4,529	6,000	6,000	6,000
Belknap County Registry		1,591	2,500	2,500	2,500
Title Search		840	1,500	1,500	1,500
Conferences		130	500	500	500
Dues		15	50	50	50
Training & Mileage		0	250	250	250
Equipment		0	200	200	200
Equipment Maintenance		0	100	100	100

Annual Audit		4,075	6,000	6,000	6,000
Supplies		478	600	600	600
Stationary		0	100	100	100
Tax Bill Forms		1,947	2,500	2,500	2,500
Treasurer General Expense		414	2,000	2,000	2,000
Accountant General Expense		3,490	4,000	4,000	4,000
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMIN		$82,278	$91,555	$91,555	$91,555
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
PROPERTY REVALUATION					
Property Appraisal Fees		11,825	9,000	9,000	9,000
Appraisal Fees-Appeals		4,157	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL PROPERTY REVALUATION		$15,982	$14,000	$14,000	$14,000
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
LEGAL & JUDICIAL					
Salary-Town Administrator		12,202	13,500	14,500	14,500
Legal Expenses		8,603	8,000	8,000	8,000
Legal Expenses Dogs		0	100	100	100
Legal Expenses Damages		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL LEGAL & JUDICIAL		$20,805	$22,600	$23,600	$23,600

	Expended 1997	Requested Dept	Recommend Select	Recommend Bud Comm
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION				
Uniform Cleaning	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Town Share FICA	35,394	37,549	37,549	37,549
Town Share Medicare	10,742	10,931	10,931	10,931
Town Share Health Insurance	54,657	61,842	61,842	61,842
Union Health Insurance	39,264	41,613	41,613	41,613
Disability & Life Insurance	5,845	7,578	7,578	7,578
Union Dental Insurance	2,831	2,999	2,999	2,999
NH Unemployment Compensation	2,508	2,000	2,000	2,000
Town Share Dental Insurance	3,815	4,495	4,495	4,495
Police Dept Retirement	12,877	12,648	12,648	12,648
Fire Dept Retirement	8,036	7,985	7,985	7,985
Employees Retirement	16,121	17,539	17,539	17,539
TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMIN	$192,090	$211,179	$211,179	$211,179

	Expended 1997	Requested Dept	Recommend Select	Recommend Bud Comm
PLANNING BOARD				
Salary-Administrator	27,151	31,420	31,420	31,420
Salary-Clerk	12,098	12,448	12,448	12,448
Telephone	61	150	150	150
Postage	1,660	1,400	1,400	1,400
Printing	806	1,200	1,200	1,200
Public Notices	1,087	1,500	1,500	1,500
Legal Expenses	650	2,500	2,500	2,500
Publications	1,362	1,609	1,609	1,609
Supplies	411	400	400	400
Master Plan Update	1,954	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	$47,239	$54,627	$54,627	$54,627

		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
ZONING BOARD					
Salary-Administrator		5,249	7,855	7,855	7,855
Salary-Clerk		2,256	2,323	2,323	2,323
Telephone		7	150	150	150
Postage		643	1,000	1,000	1,000
Public Notices		532	800	800	800
Legal Expenses		863	1,000	1,000	1,000
Publications		162	175	175	175
Training		148	200	200	200
Supplies		322	300	300	300
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TOTAL ZONING BOARD		$10,181	$13,803	$13,803	$13,803
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
TAX MAP EXPENSES					
Tax Map Update Expenses		1,000	See Warrant	See Warrant	See Warrant
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TOTAL TAX MAP EXPENSES		$1,000	$0	$0	$0
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS					
Building Repair & Maintenance		10,450	9,400	9,400	9,400
Electric		3,159	4,500	4,500	4,500
Heat		1,300	2,000	2,000	2,000
Water Rent		56	150	150	150
Sewer Rent		246	350	350	350
Hydrant Rent		9,600	10,000	10,000	10,000

Equipment		0	150	150	150
Custodial Services		1,598	2,000	2,000	2,000
Supplies		379	350	350	350
Ground Maintenance		3,787	6,000	6,000	6,000
		_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL GEN GOVERNMENT BUILDING		$30,575	$34,900	$34,900	$34,900
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
CEMETERIES					
Cemetery Maintenance Fund		2,000		2,000	2,000
Cemetery General Expense		3,810	6,020	5,820	6,020
		_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL CEMETERIES		$5,810	$6,020	$7,820	$8,020
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
INSURANCE					
NHMA Worker's Compensation		40,641	44,044	44,044	44,044
NHMA Liability Trust		48,787	65,000	65,000	65,000
Insurance Contingency		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
		_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL INSURANCE		$89,428	$110,044	$110,044	$110,044
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salary-Police Chief		47,259	51,577	48,824	48,824
Salary-Sergeant # 1		37,138	40,906	38,402	38,402
Salary-Sergeant # 2		36,703	39,273	37,844	37,844
Salary-Sergeant # 3		36,624	39,273	37,844	37,844
Salary-Patrolman # 1		31,177	31,801	31,801	31,801

Salary-Patrolman # 2		33,795	33,801	33,801	33,801
Salary-Patrolman # 3		30,966	30,970	30,970	30,970
Salary-Patrolman # 4		35,838	35,848	35,848	35,848
Salary-Patrolman # 5		29,952	29,946	29,946	29,946
Salary-Patrolman # 6		27,638	27,636	27,636	27,636
Salary-Patrolman # 7		0	14,000	15,500	15,500
Salary-Secretary		24,690	27,574	25,510	25,510
Salary-Dog Control Officer		0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Salary-Part Time Secretary		3,150	10,950	10,950	10,950
Salary-Holiday Pay		13,748	18,000	14,000	18,000
Salary-Special Duty Pay		6,080	5,000	5,000	5,000
Salary Extra Hire		0	750	750	750
Salary-Overtime		24,410	30,000	30,000	30,000
Office Expense		585	1,200	1,200	1,200
Telephone		7,501	7,500	7,500	7,500
Uniforms		3,512	3,500	3,500	3,500
Electric		3,173	3,000	3,000	3,000
Heat		675	1,200	1,200	1,200
Water Rent		89	100	100	100
Sewer Rent		263	200	200	200
Postage		579	850	850	850
Mileage Reimburs-Dog Officer		68	1,000	1,000	1,000
Service Contracts		1,681	2,275	2,275	2,275
Computer		2,032	2,000	2,000	2,000
Printing & Forms		799	1,000	1,000	1,000
Legal Expenses		202	1,000	1,000	1,000
Conferences		1,215	1,500	1,500	1,500
Dues		195	275	275	275
Associations		0	50	50	50
Books & Periodicals		883	1,500	1,500	1,500
Professional Services		736	2,000	2,000	2,000
Training		2,745	3,500	3,500	3,500
Equipment		1,247	1,300	1,300	1,300
Special Equip (Ammunition)		1,016	2,000	2,000	2,000
Photo Lab & Blood Test		2,846	2,500	2,500	2,500
Medical Expenses		100	1,000	1,000	1,000
Custodial Services		3,018	3,000	3,000	3,000
Investigation Expense		0	300	300	300

Supplies		1,388	1,500	1,500	1,500
Vehicle Repairs & Maint		5,155	5,000	5,000	5,000
Vehicle Fuel		9,070	9,000	9,000	9,000
Tires		2,195	2,500	2,500	2,500
Radio & Radar Repairs		2,533	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT		$474,669	$535,555	$522,876	$526,876
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
AMBULANCE					
Salary-Training		8,334	9,300	9,300	9,300
Equipment		1,363	2,500	2,500	2,500
Medical Supplies		1,417	2,100	2,100	2,100
Medical Expenses		195	600	600	600
Comstar Fees		8,086	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL AMBULANCE		$19,395	$19,500	$19,500	$19,500
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Salary-Fire Chief		41,697	47,777	46,038	46,038
Salary-Deputy Chief		36,933	39,475	39,475	39,475
Salary-Firefighter/EMT		27,851	27,855	27,855	27,855
Salary-Firefighter/EMT		27,898	27,855	27,855	27,855
Salary-Volunteers		44,661	44,205	44,205	44,205
Salary-Volunteers Training		10,088	11,500	11,500	11,500
Salary-Station Coverage		2,906	5,808	5,808	5,808
Salary-Extra Hire		481	6,000	6,000	6,000
Salary-Overtime Emergency		7,037	7,665	7,665	7,665
Salary-Overtime Training		1,770	2,750	2,750	2,750
Office Expense		668	975	975	975

Telephone		2,245	3,000	3,000	3,000
Uniforms		1,463	1,975	1,975	1,975
Electric		5,754	5,700	5,700	5,700
Heat		3,621	4,100	4,100	4,100
Water Rent		78	100	100	100
Sewer Rent		258	250	250	250
Postage		151	250	250	250
Computer		4,272	4,500	4,500	4,500
Conferences		650	650	650	650
Dues		532	725	725	725
Books & Periodicals		111	165	165	165
Subscriptions		79	160	160	160
Training		682	2,500	2,500	2,500
Equipment		454	1,650	1,650	1,650
Equipment Maint & Repair		1,628	2,000	2,000	2,000
Building Maintenance		910	1,000	1,000	1,000
Medical Expenses		309	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fire Prevention		1,045	1,450	1,450	1,450
Supplies		3,229	3,500	3,500	3,500
Vehicle Repair & Parts		8,897	14,500	13,100	14,500
Vehicle Fuel		3,283	3,311	3,311	3,311
Tires		864	2,800	2,800	2,800
Radio Repairs		1,159	1,400	1,400	1,400
BFI Station Dumpster		0	816	816	816
General Expense		498	700	700	700
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT		$244,161	$280,067	$276,928	$278,328
		Expended 1997	Requested Dept	Recommend Select	Recommend Bud Comm
FOREST FIRE					
Salary-Forest Fire		55	600	600	600
Supplies		2,284	4,500	4,500	4,500
TOTAL FOREST FIRE		$2,339	$5,100	$5,100	$5,100

		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPT					
Winnisquam Fire Department		25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPT		$25,000	$25,450	$25,450	$25,450
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
BUILDING INSPECTION					
Salary-Building Inspector		20,628	20,608	20,608	20,608
Salary-Overtime		0	0	0	0
Office Expenses		198	500	500	500
Telephone		116	150	150	150
Postage		138	250	250	250
Dues/Membership		937	1,400	1,400	1,400
Vehicle Repair & Maint		558	1,000	1,000	1,000
Vehicle Fuel		273	300	300	300
Tires		140	200	200	200
General Expense		177	250	250	250
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTION		$23,165	$24,658	$24,658	$24,658
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
CIVIL DEFENSE					
General Expense		262	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		$262	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500

		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
Salary-Highway Supervisor		33,277	40,000	40,000	40,000
Telephone		738	700	700	700
Electric		1,265	1,500	1,500	1,500
Heating Fuel		2,044	2,500	2,500	2,500
Water Rent		52	45	45	45
Sewer Rent		243	240	240	240
Conferences		89	150	150	150
NH Occupational Testing		184	600	600	600
Supplies		8	125	125	125
Salary-Equipment Operator #1		24,588	24,041	24,041	24,041
Salary-Equipment Operator #2		5,473	26,410	26,410	26,410
Salary-Equipment Operator #3		26,176	26,410	26,410	26,410
Salary-Equipment Operator #4		22,811	24,136	24,136	24,136
Salary-Equipment Operator #5		31,984	32,131	32,131	32,131
Salary-Extra Hire		1,380	7,000	7,000	7,000
Salary-Overtime		18,424	18,000	18,000	18,000
Protective Clothing		90	500	500	500
Equipment Purchases		1,598	1,200	1,200	1,200
Equipment Maint & Repair		150	150	150	150
Supplies		372	500	500	500
Vehicle Repair & Maint		13,715	12,000	12,000	12,000
Vehicle Fuel		7,785	8,000	8,000	8,000
Tires		3,681	3,500	3,500	3,500
Radio Repairs		138	150	150	150
Chains		92	200	200	200
Lubricants		2,660	2,000	2,000	2,000
Street Signs		4,012	5,000	5,000	5,000
Street Painting		892	1,500	1,500	1,500
Seal Coating		7,007	18,000	18,000	18,000
Sand		15,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Sweeping		1,045	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cold Patch		1,491	1,500	1,500	1,500
Equipment Hire		2,650	3,500	3,500	3,500
Tools		329	600	600	600

Salt		38,663	30,000	30,000	35,000
Asphalt		20,767	25,000	25,000	25,000
Gravel		12,067	13,000	13,000	13,000
Calcium Chloride/Dust Control		3,960	5,500	5,500	5,500
Brush Control		346	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tree Removal		0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Culverts		2,029	2,500	2,500	2,500
Drainage		0	500	500	500
Guard Rails		480	2,000	2,000	2,000
General Expense		302	500	500	500
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		$310,056	$365,788	$365,788	$370,788
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
STREET LIGHTING					
Electricity		4,197	4,200	4,200	4,200
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING		$4,197	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
SANITATION-SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL					
Contract For Pickups		99,950	103,000	103,000	103,000
Transfer Station Expenses		58	2,000	2,000	2,000
Concord Cooperative		193,344	205,000	205,000	205,000
Recycling		3,361	4,000	4,000	4,000
Hazardous Waste		4,336	4,336	4,336	4,336
Landfill Monitoring Wells		1,042	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		$302,092	$320,836	$320,836	$320,836

		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
ANIMAL EXPENSES					
Animal Holding Expenses		879	1,041	1,041	1,041
TOTAL ANIMAL EXPENSES		$879	$1,041	$1,041	$1,041
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
HEALTH AGENCIES					
Community Health & Hospice		14,500	15,000	15,000	15,000
Community Action Program		4,771	5,248	5,248	5,248
Lakes Region Family Services		3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Youth Services Bureau		12,184	12,789	12,789	12,789
New Beginnings - Crisis CTR		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
American Red Cross		1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Winnipesaukee Skate Club		5,000			
TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES		$41,855	$38,437	$38,437	$38,437
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
WELFARE ADMINISTRATION					
Salary-Welfare Administrator		12,916	15,000	15,000	15,000
Telephone		131	300	300	300
Dues		41	50	50	50
Supplies		2,025	300	300	300
TOTAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION		$15,114	$15,650	$15,650	$15,650

		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
WELFARE VENDOR PAYMENTS					
Housing		45,394	45,000	45,000	45,000
Food		2,171	2,500	2,500	2,500
Utilities		9,187	13,000	13,000	13,000
Gasoline		0	100	100	100
Heating		1,160	4,000	4,000	4,000
Clothing		75	100	100	100
Medical Expenses		2,973	2,750	2,750	2,750
Household Necessities		83	500	500	500
Other Expenses		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
		_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL WELFARE VENDOR PAYMENTS		$61,044	$68,950	$68,950	$68,950
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Electric		763	1,000	1,000	1,000
Water		20	100	100	100
Equipment		8,638	8,900	8,900	8,900
Maintenance & Repairs		3,629	5,000	5,000	5,000
		_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		$13,050	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
LIBRARY					
Salary-Library		12,427	14,500	14,500	14,500
Salary-Extra Hire		0	4,290	4,290	4,290

General Expenses		17,324	20,693	20,983	20,693
		_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL LIBRARY		$29,751	$39,483	$39,773	$39,483
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES					
Old Home Day		3,000	3,300	3,300	3,300
Fireworks		4,500	8,500	5,000	5,000
Memorial Day		350	500	500	500
Civic Profile Steering Comm		1,904	2,000	2,000	2,000
Beautification Comm Gen Exp		307	376	376	376
		_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		$10,060	$14,676	$11,176	$11,176
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
General Expenses		2,306	485	485	485
		_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION		$2,306	$485	$485	$485
		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
DEBT SERVICE					
Landfill Closure & Road					
Reconstruction Bond		130,000	0	0	0
Interest		9,425	0	0	0
Interest Tax Anticipation		0	50,000	50,000	50,000
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TOTAL DEBT SERVICES		$139,425	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

		Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
		1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
FD Helmets		643	0	0	0
FD Firefighter Nomex Hoods		631	0	0	0
FD Adapters & Fittings		0	388	388	388
FD Motorola Pages		2,508	0	0	0
FD Firefighting Gear		5,607	14,757	14,757	14,757
FD Sigma Face Pieces			2,392	2,392	2,392
FD Hand Tools		0	995	995	995
FD Fire Hose		3,596	6,650	6,650	6,650
FD Nozzles		2,660	2,250	2,250	2,250
PD Police Cruisers		48,871	54,000	54,000	54,000
FD Handlights		807	1,490	1,490	1,490
FD SCBA Units		11,375	12,415	12,415	12,415
WFD Fire Engine-Equipment		242,369	0	0	0
WFD Fire Engine		69,200	0	0	0
WFD Hurst Tool Accessaries		800	0	0	0
FD Servis Firebreak Boots		325	0	0	0
FD MT-1000 Portable Radio's		4,500	0	0	0
FD Motorola Radios		5,547	0	0	0
AM Ambulance Replacement			See Warrant	See Warrant	See Warrant
AM Ambulance Equipment		18,755	See Warrant	See Warrant	See Warrant
AM Ambulance Cot		0	See Warrant	See Warrant	See Warrant
WFD Portable Radio		0	350	350	350
WFD Survivor Packs		1,800	2,400	2,400	2,400
HD 2 Eleven Foot Plows		12,904	0	0	0
HD Radio Equipment		1,440	0	0	0
ER T\C Document Restoration		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
PD Radar Equipment		4,365	0	0	0
PD Computer Equipment		1,467	0	0	0
PD Firearms		0	1,500	1,500	1,500
PD Photography Equipment		0	1,500	1,500	1,500
HD 98 Int 4900 Truck & P/Frame		57,914	0	0	0
HD 10' Sand Spreader		8,978	0	0	0
HD 3/4 Ton Pick Up W/Plow		0	See Warrant	See Warrant	See Warrant
TC Equipment		0	13,000	13,000	13,000

FA Tax Equipment	1,150	0	0	0
Assessing Software	1,900	0	0	0
TH Furnishings	4,315	4,500	4,500	4,500
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	------	------	------	------
	$516,426	$120,587	$120,587	$120,587
	Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
	1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
CO IMPROVEMENTS BUILDINGS				
CO Town Hall Security	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
CO Renovations Town Hall	38,917	See Warrant	See Warrant	See Warrant
CO Library Improvements - ADA	0	0	10,000	5,000
TOTAL CO IMPROV BUILDINGS	------	------	------	------
	$38,917	$2,500	$12,500	$7,500
	Expended	Requested	Recommend	Recommend
	1997	Dept	Select	Bud Comm
CO IMPROV EXCEPT BUILDINGS				
CO FD Dry Hydrant Maintenance	299	1,700	1,700	1,700
CO Town Beach - Recreation 97	170,000	0	0	0
CO HD Removal Fuel Tanks	0	8,350	8,350	8,350
CO Cemetery Maintenance	1,686	3,948	3,948	3,948
CO Wage & Salary Study	2,000	0	0	0
CO Belmont Beach-Lake Winnisqu	0	See Warrant	See Warrant	See Warrant
CO Sidewalk - Shaker Road	0	25,000	25,000	25,000
CO Revaluation - Town	0	See Warrant	See Warrant	See Warrant
TOTAL CO IMPROV EXCEPT BUILDING	------	------	------	------
	$173,985	$38,998	$38,998	$38,998

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Resolution:

Be it resolved by the Town of Belmont that all public officials of Belknap County be advised that the Gunstock Recreation area no longer be subsidized by taxpayer money, and that the County Officials begin the process of eliminating any tax subsidy for Gunstock by supporting the passage of HB 1569. (Voter approval for the issuance of bonds or notes for Gunstock.) SUBMITTED BY PETITION.

Given under our hands and seal this the Day of February in the year of our lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

David W. Mika, Chairman
Ward Peterson
Donna J. Cilley
Belmont Board of Selectmen

A True Copy of Warrant- Attest
David W. Mika
Ward Peterson
Donna J. Cilley
Belmont Board of Selectmen

We hereby certify that on day of February, 1998, we posted an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting named herein and posted a like copy at the Belmont Town Hall, the Belmont Post Office and Sarge's Store, all being public places in said Town, on the day of February, 1998.

David W. Mika, Chairman
Ward Peterson
Donna J. Cilley
Belmont Board of Selectmen

		1997 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT		
	Actual Approp	Actual Expended	Select Recommend	Bud Comm Recommend	Not Recommended
	1997	1997	1998	1998	Bud Comm
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive Office	130,187	122,336	146,942	146,942	
Elec. Reg. & Vital Stat	44,574	43,502	51,263	51,263	
Financial Administration	88,261	82,278	91,555	91,555	
Property Revaluation	16,500	15,982	14,000	14,000	
Legal & Judicial	20,500	20,805	23,600	23,600	
Personnel Administration	193,552	192,090	211,179	211,179	
Planning & Zoning Board	58,415	57,421	68,430	68,430	
Tax Maps	2,000	1,000	49,350	49,350	
General Government Bldg.	36,200	30,575	34,900	34,900	
Cemeteries	5,810	5,810	5,820	6,020	
Insurance	113,518	89,428	110,044	110,044	
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	484,050	474,669	522,876	526,876	
Ambulance	20,300	19,395	19,500	19,500	
Fire	255,761	244,161	276,928	278,328	
Forest Fire	3,100	2,339	5,100	5,100	
Winnisquam Fire Dept	25,000	25,000	25,450	25,450	
Building Inspection	24,208	23,165	24,658	24,658	
Emergency Management	1,000	262	2,500	2,500	
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					

Highway & Streets	329,962	310,056	365,788	370,788
Street Lighting	4,000	4,197	4,200	4,200
Highway Block Grant	187,222	171,548	190,000	190,000
SANITIATION				
Solid Waste Collection	99,800	99,950	103,000	103,000
Transfer Station Expenses	2,000	58	2,000	2,000
Solid Waste Disposal CRSWRRC	200,000	193,344	205,000	205,000
Recycling	4,000	3,361	4,000	4,000
Hazardous Waste Collection	4,336	4,336	4,336	4,336
Landfill Monitoring Wells	2,500	1,042	2,500	2,500
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT				
Water Services	81,450	78,724	88,450	88,450
Water Treatment	242,334	224,521	236,049	236,049
HEALTH				
Animal Expenses	879	879	1,041	1,041
Health Agencies & Hospitals	41,855	41,855	38,437	38,437
WELFARE				
Administration	13,425	15,114	15,650	15,650
Direct Assistance	61,900	61,044	68,950	68,950
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Parks & Recreation	13,000	13,050	15,000	15,000
Library	29,751	29,751	39,773	39,483
Patriotic Purposed	10,250	10,060	11,176	11,176
CONSERVATION				
Conservation Commission	2,306	2,306	485	485

DEBT SERVICES					
Principal-Long Term Bond	130,000	130,000			
Interest-Long Term Bond	9,425	9,425			
Interest On TAN	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Equip. Vecicles & Machinery	536,785	516,426	275,239	278,909	
Buildings	35,000	38,917	44,500	39,500	
Improv. Other Than Buildings	175,700	173,985	139,998	139,998	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
To Capital Reserve	75,000	75,000	132,000	157,000	
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$3,865,816	$3,659,169	$3,721,667	$3,755,647	$0
TOTALS W/O WAT & SEWER	3,542,032	3,355,924	3,397,168	3,431,148	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES					
		Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997			
					(Over)
			TOTAL		Under
TITLE OF APPROPRIATION		APPROPRI ATION	EXPENDED	ENCUMBER ED	EXPENDED
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Executive Office		130,187	122,336		7,851
Election, Reg,Vital Stat		44,574	43,502		1,072
Financial Administration		88,261	82,278		5,983
Property Revaluation		16,500	15,982		518
Legal & Judicial		20,500	20,805		(305)
Personnel Administration		193,552	190,140	1,950	1,462
Planning Board		47,699	47,239		460
Zoning Board		10,716	10,181		535
Tax Map Expenses		2,000	1,000		1,000
General Government Build		36,200	25,875	4,700	5,625
Cemeteries		5,810	4,887	923	0
Insurance		113,518	89,428		24,090
Police Department		484,050	474,669		9,381
Ambulance		20,300	19,395		905
Fire Department		255,761	244,161		11,600
Forest Fire		3,100	2,339		761
Winnisquam Fire Department		25,000	25,000		0
Building Inspection		24,208	23,165		1,043
Emergency Management		1,000	262		738
Highway Department		329,962	310,056		19,906
Street Lighting		4,000	4,197		(197)
Highway Block Grant		187,222	171,548		15,674
Solid Waste Disposal		312,636	302,092		10,544
Animal Holding Expenses		879	879		0
Health Agencies		41,855	41,855		0
Welfare Administrations		13,425	15,114		(1,689)
Welfare Vendor Expenses		61,900	61,044		856
Culture & Recreation		13,000	8,132	4,918	(50)

Library Expenses		29,751	29,751		0
Patriotic Purposes		10,250	10,060		190
Conservation Commission		2,306	2,306		0
Principal Long Term Debt		130,000	130,000		0
Interest Long Term Debt		9,425	9,425		0
Interest Tax Anticipation		50,000	0		50,000
Capital Outlay		747,485	729,329		18,156
Capital Reserve		75,000	75,000		
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TOTALS		$3,542,032	$3,343,432	$12,491	$186,108

SOURCES OF REVENUE				
	Estimated	Actual	Selectmen	Estimated
	Revenue	Revenue	Budget	Revenue
	1997	1997	1997	1998
TAXES				
Land Use Change Tax	8,981	3,330	8,981	16,700
Yeild Taxes	20,050	3,895	20,050	25,400
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	3,151	3,151	3,151	3,151
Boat Taxes	33,187	20,531	33,187	33,187
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	180,000	243,138	180,000	165,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES				
Business Licenses and Permits	211,819	135,082	211,819	140,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	580,120	599,314	580,120	630,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	19,866	11,984	19,866	9,500
FROM THE STATE OF NH				
Shared Revenue	91,116	175,953	91,116	40,000
Highway Block Grant	123,106	111,426	123,106	126,034
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	21	21	21	21
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	45,718	26,765	45,718	25,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Muncipal Property	0	528	0	3,000
Interest on Investments	67,752	54,688	67,752	42,500
Other	0	1,662	0	0
DIVIDENDS & REIMBURSEMENTS				
Insurance Dividends	19,691	19,691	19,691	60,000
Insurance Reimbursement	46,139	46,139	46,139	0
Welfare Reimbursement	1,722	1,722	1,722	0

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
Capital Reserve	0	0	0	156,652
Enterprise Fund: Sewer	258,200	258,200	258,200	258,200
Water	84,688	84,688	84,688	84,688
Capital Reserve Fund				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Belmont Mill Retainage Bond	215,000	0	215,000	215,000
Fund Balance Voted from Surplus	75,500	145,317	75,500	0
Fund Balance Remaining to Reduce Taxes	128,500	0	0	150,000
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TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	$2,214,326	$1,947,224	$2,085,826	$2,091,033
Total Appropriations		$3,298,954		
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Prop Taxes		- 2,214,326		

Taxes to be Raised(Exclusive of School & County Taxes)		$1,084,628		

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES FOR 1997

EXECUTIVE OFFICE		
Appropriation		$130,187.00
Paid:		
Selectmen's Salary	$7,500.00	
Trustee of Trust Funds Salary	1,000.00	
Moderator's Salary	150.00	
Town Administrator's Salary	45,500.00	
Executive Secretary's Salary	21,223.28	
Floating Secretary	14,049.53	
Overtime	0.00	
Telephone	2,563.00	
Postage	663.38	
Service Contracts	6,198.47	
Computer	3,785.98	
Printing	170.15	
Public Notice Expense	483.73	
Advertising	741.18	
Belknap County Registry of Deeds	126.46	
Conferences	569.00	
Dues	595.00	
Books and Periodicals	1,740.58	
Subscriptions	119.00	
Training and Mileage	508.09	
NHMA Dues	2,313.65	
Equipment	1,255.47	
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	253.98	
Copier Lease - Service	1107.07	
Supplies	1,573.11	
Stationery	220.94	
Printing of Town Report	2,085.00	
Engineering Services	5,318.00	
General Expense	522.16	
Total Paid		$122,336.21

ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL STATISTICS		
Appropriation		$44,574.00
Paid:		
Town Clerk's Salary	$16,896.36	
Deputy Town Clerk's Wages	12,297.75	
Ballot Clerk's Wages	350.98	
Supervisors of the Checklist	257.50	
Town Clerk Extra Hire	9,041.25	
Town Clerk - Overtime	219.03	
Town Clerk Telephone	168.07	
Town Clerk Postage	511.48	
Service Contracts	1,272.90	
Printing	0.00	
Advertising	104.04	
Town Clerk Confrences	300.02	
Town Clerk Dues	20.00	
Meals	0.00	
Equip. Mainten & Repair	0	
Town Clerk Supplies	808.62	
Supervisor's Expenses	1,254.15	

Total Paid		$43,502.15

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		$88,261.00
Paid:		
Accountant's Salary	$28,465.95	
Treasurer's Salary	5,000.00	
Tax Collector's Salary	16,896.36	
Deputy Tax Collector's Salary	13,131.43	
Overtime	515.66	
Budget Committee Expenses	382.80	
Tax Collector Telephone	376.65	
Tax Collector Postage	4,529.07	
Belknap County Registry of Deeds	1,591.24	
Title Search	840.00	
Tax Collector Confrences	130.00	
Tax Collector Dues	15.00	
Audit	4,075.00	
Tax Collector Supplies	477.97	
Tax Collector - Tax Bill Forms	1,946.75	
Treasurer General Expense	414.33	
Accountant General Expense	3,489.51	
Total Paid		$82,277.72

PROPERTY REVALUATION

Appropriation		$16,500.00
Paid:		
Property Appraisal Pickup Fees	$11,825.00	
Appraisal Fees	4157.36	
Total Paid		$15,982.36

LEGAL AND JUDICIAL EXPENSES

Appropriation		$20,500.00
Paid:		
Legal Expenses	$20,805.40	
Total Paid		$20,805.40

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		$193,552.00
Paid:		
Town Share FICA	$35,393.60	
Town Share Medicare	10,742.30	
Town Share Health Insurance	54,656.59	
Union Health Insurance	39,263.84	
Disability & Life Insurance	5,845.13	
Union Dental Insurance	2,831.28	
NH Unemployment Compensation	2,508.00	
Town Share Dental Insurance	3,815.20	
Police Department Retirement	12,877.18	
Fire Department Retirement	8,036.22	
Employees Retirement	16,121.14	

Total Paid		$192,090.48

PLANNING BOARD		
Appropriation		$47,699.00
Paid:		
Administrator's Salary	$27,150.97	
Clerk's Wages	12,097.96	
Telephone	61.08	
Postage	1,660.33	
Printing	805.67	
Public Notices	1,086.64	
Legal Expenses	649.64	
Publications	1,362.00	
Supplies	410.56	
Master Plan Update	1,954.47	
Total Paid		$47,239.32

ZONING BOARD		
Appropriation		$10,716.00
Paid:		
Administrator's Salary	$5,248.93	
Clerk's Wages	2,255.73	
Telephone	7.09	
Postage	643.21	
Public Notices	531.76	
Legal Fees	862.51	
Publications	162.00	
Training	148	
Supplies	321.97	
Total Paid		$10,181.20

TAX MAP UPDATES		
Appropriation		$2,000.00
Paid:		
Tax Map Update Expense	$1,000.00	
Total Paid		$1,000.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Appropriation		$36,200.00
Paid:		
Buildings Repair & Maintenance	$10,450.02	
Electric	3,159.16	
Heat	1,300.03	
Water Rent	56.25	
Sewer Rent	246.04	
Hydrant Rent	9,600.00	
Custodial Services	1,598.00	
Supplies	378.81	
Ground Maintenance	3,787.00	

Total Paid		$30,575.31

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		$5,810.00
Paid:		
Cemetery General Expense	$5,810.00	
Total Paid		$5,810.00

INSURANCE

Appropriation		$113,518.00
Paid:		
NHMA Worker's Compensation	$40,641.00	
NHMA Liability Trust	48,787.00	
Insurance Contingency	0.00	
Total Paid		$89,428.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$484,050.00
Paid:		
Chief of Police Salary	$47,258.90	
Sergeant 1's Salary	37,138.40	
Sergeant 2's Salary	36,703.43	
Sergeant 3's Salary	36,623.60	
Patrolman 1's Salary	31,176.80	
Patrolman 2's Salary	33,794.80	
Patrolman 3's Salary	30,966.00	
Patrolman 4's Salary	35,838.40	
Patrolman 5's Salary	29,952.00	
Patrolman 6's Salary	27,638.00	
Secretary's Salary	24,689.60	
Part-Time Secretary's Salary	3,150.00	
Holiday Pay	13,748.26	
Special Duty Pay	6,080.50	
Overtime	24,409.98	
Office Expense	584.85	
Telephone	7,500.58	
Uniforms	3,511.70	
Electric	3,172.92	
Heat	675.06	
Water Rent	89.40	
Sewer Rent	263.03	
Postage	579.38	
Mileage Reimburs Dog Officer	67.58	
Service Contracts	1,680.68	
Computer	2,032.45	
Printing & Forms	799.21	
Legal Expenses	202.34	
Conferences	1,215.00	
Dues	195.00	
Associations	0.00	
Books & Periodicals	882.80	
Professional Services	735.55	
Training	2,744.68	

Total Paid		$30,575.31

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Appropriation		$5,810.00
Paid:		
Cemetery General Expense	$5,810.00	
Total Paid		$5,810.00

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Patrolman 5's Salary	29,952.00	
Patrolman 6's Salary	27,638.00	
Secretary's Salary	24,689.60	
Part-Time Secretary's Salary	3,150.00	
Holiday Pay	13,748.26	
Special Duty Pay	6,080.50	
Overtime	24,409.98	
Office Expense	584.85	
Telephone	7,500.58	
Uniforms	3,511.70	
Electric	3,172.92	
Heat	675.06	
Water Rent	89.40	
Sewer Rent	263.03	
Postage	579.38	
Mileage Reimburs Dog Officer	67.58	
Service Contracts	1,680.68	
Computer	2,032.45	
Printing & Forms	799.21	
Legal Expenses	202.34	
Conferences	1,215.00	
Dues	195.00	
Associations	0.00	
Books & Periodicals	882.80	
Professional Services	735.55	
Training	2,744.68	

Equipment	1,246.94	
Special Equipment (Ammuition)	1,016.40	
Photo Lab & Blood Tests	2,846.48	
Medical Expenses	100.00	
Custodial Services	3,018.00	
Supplies	1,387.56	
Vehicle Repairs	5,155.24	
Vehicle Fuel	9,069.65	
Tires	2,194.52	
Radio & Radar Repairs	2,532.97	
Total Paid		$474,668.64

AMBULANCE		
Appropriation		$20,300.00
Paid:		
Training	$8,334.03	
Equipment	1,362.86	
Medical Supplies	1,417.35	
Medical Expenses	194.90	
Comstar Fees	8,085.65	
Total Paid		$19,394.79

FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		$255,761.00
Paid:		
Fire Chief's Salary	$41,697.50	
Deputy Chief's Salary	36,933.13	
Firefighter/EMT Salary	27,851.20	
Firefighter/EMT Salary	27,898.42	
Volunteer Salaries	41,787.97	
Volunteer Training Pay	11,524.09	
Station Coverage	2,905.56	
Extra Hire	481.00	
Overtime Emergency	7,037.12	
Overtime for Training	1,769.78	
Office Expense	668.43	
Telephone	2,245.03	
Uniforms/Clothing	1,463.00	
Electric	5,753.82	
Heat	3,620.55	
Water Rent	77.70	
Sewer Rent	257.63	
Postage	151.07	
Computer	4,271.69	
Conferences	650.00	
Dues	532.00	
Books & Periodicals	111.00	
Subscriptions	78.95	
Training	2,118.08	
Equipment	454.27	
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	1,627.80	
Building Maintenance	909.93	
Medical Expenses	309.25	
Fire Prevention	1,045.16	

Supplies	3,228.54	
Vehicle Repairs and Parts	8,896.72	
Equipment Fuel	3,283.33	
Tires	864.39	
Radio Repairs	1,158.88	
General Expense	498.39	
Total Paid		$244,161.38

FOREST FIRE		
Appropriation		$3,100.00
Paid:		
Forest Fire Salaries	$55.02	
Forest Fire Supplies	2,284.22	
Total Paid		$2,339.24

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		$25,000.00
Paid:		
Winnisquam Fire Department	$25,000.00	
Total Paid		$25,000.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR		
Appropriation		$24,208.00
Paid:		
Building Inspector's Salary	$20,627.57	
Office Expense	197.90	
Telephone	116.31	
Postage	137.83	
Dues/Memberships	937.13	
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	557.95	
Vehicle Fuel	273.34	
Tires	140.30	
General Expense	176.61	
Total Paid		$23,164.94

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Appropriation		$1,000.00
Paid:		
General Expense	$261.56	
Total Paid		$261.56

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		$329,962.00
Paid:		
Highway Supervisor's Salary	$33,277.01	
Telephone	737.51	
Electric	1,265.07	
Heating Fuel	2,044.14	

Water Rent	52.35	
Sewer Rent	242.86	
Conference	89.00	
NH Occupational Testing	184.25	
Supplies	7.84	
Part-Time Equipment Operator 1	24,587.54	
Full-Time Equipment Operator 2	5,472.58	
Full-Time Equipment Operator 3	26,176.36	
Full-Time Equipment Operator 4	22,810.81	
Full-Time Equipment Operator 5	31,983.68	
Extra Hire	1,380.48	
Overtime	18,424.30	
Protective Clothing	90.00	
Equipment Purchases	1,598.26	
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	149.69	
Supplies	371.72	
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	13,715.01	
Vehicle Fuel	7,784.78	
Tires	3,681.40	
Radio Repairs	137.50	
Chains	91.61	
Lubricants	2,660.16	
Street Signs	4,012.02	
Street Painting	891.96	
Seal Coating	7007.25	
Sand	15,000.00	
Sweeping	1,045.00	
Cold Patch	1,490.67	
Equipment Hire	2,650.06	
Tools	329.23	
Salt	38,662.82	
Asphalt	20,767.31	
Gravel	12,067.37	
Calcium Chloride/Dust Controll	3,959.60	
Brush Control	346.31	
Culverts	2,028.60	
Drainage	0.00	
Guard Rails	479.87	
General Expense	302.11	
Total Paid		$310,056.09

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Paid:		
Street Lighting Electricity	$4,196.69	
Total Paid		$4,196.69

HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT

Appropriation		$187,222.00
Paid:		
Highway Block Grant Expenses	$171,547.66	
Total Paid		$171,547.66

SANITATION - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		
Appropriation		$312,636.00
Paid:		
Contract For Pickups	$99,950.04	
Transfer Station Expense	58.46	
Concord Cooperative	193,344.19	
Recycling	3,361.40	
Hazardous Waste	4,336.00	
Landfill Monitorning Wells	1,042.20	
Total Paid		$302,092.29
ANIMAL EXPENSES		
Appropriation		$879.00
Paid:		
Animal Holding Expenses	$879.00	
Total Paid		$879.00
HEALTH AGENCIES		
Appropriation		$41,855.00
Paid:		
Community Health & Hospice	$14,500.00	
Community Action Program	4,771.00	
Lakes Region Family Services	3,000.00	
Youth Services Bureau	12,183.60	
New Beginnings - Crisis Center	1,000.00	
American Red Cross	1,400.00	
Winnipesaukee Skate Club	5,000.00	
Total Paid		$41,854.60
GENERAL ASSISTANCE		
Appropriation		$75,325.00
Paid:		
Welfare Assistant	$12,916.30	
Telephone	131.06	
Welfare Dues	41.31	
Supplies	2,025.07	
Housing	45,394.13	
Food	2,171.39	
Utilities	9,186.70	
Heating	1,160.16	
Clothing	75.00	
Medical Expenses	2,973.16	
Other Expenses	83.00	
Total Paid		$76,157.28
RECREATION		
Appropriation		$13,000.00
Paid:		
Electric	$763.38	

Water	20.00	
Equipment	8,638.06	
Maintenance & Repairs	3,628.95	
Total Paid		$13,050.39

LIBRARY		
Appropriation		$29,751.00
Paid:		
Library Salaries	$12,427.22	
General Expense	17,323.78	
Total Paid		$29,751.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		
Appropriation		$10,250.00
Paid:		
Old Home Day	$3,000.00	
Fire Works	4,500.00	
Memorial Day	350.00	
Civic Profile Steering Committee	1,903.55	
Beautification Committee (General Expense)	306.69	
Total Paid		$10,060.24

CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Appropriation		$2,306.00
Paid:		
Conservation General Expense	$2,306.00	
Total Paid		$2,306.00

DEBT SERVICE		
Appropriation		$139,425.00
Paid:		
Prin. Landfill Road Reconst.	$130,000.00	
Int. Landfill Road Reconst.	9,425.00	
Total Paid		$139,425.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Appropriation		$536,785.00
Paid:		
FD Helmets	$642.94	
FD Nomex Hoods	631.35	
FD Motorola Pagers	2,507.50	
FD Firefighting Gear	5,607.28	
FD Fire Hose	3,596.00	
FD Nozzels	2,660.44	
FD Handlights	806.54	
FD SCBA Units	11,375.00	
PD Police Cruisers	48,870.80	

FD Fire Engine-Equipment	242,369.00	
Winnisquam FD Engine	69,200.00	
Winnisquam Hurst Tool Accessor	800.00	
FD Servis Firebreak Boots	325.00	
FD MT-1000 Portable Radios	4,500.00	
FD Motorola Radios	5,547.00	
AM Ambulance Equipment	18,754.57	
Winnisquam FD Survivair Packs	1,800.00	
HWY Eleven Foot Plows	12,903.50	
HWY Radion Equipment	1,440.38	
T/C Document Restoration	2,000.00	
PD Radar Equipment	4,365.00	
PD Computer Equipment	1,467.00	
HWY 97 Int 4900 Truck & Plow	57,914.00	
HWY 10' Sand Spreader	8,978.00	
F/A Tax Equipment	1,150.00	
TOE Assessing Software	1,899.99	
TH Furnishings	4,314.94	
Total Paid		$516,426.23
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUILDINGS		
Appropriation		$35,000.00
Paid:		
Renovations Town Hall	$38,917.43	
Total Paid		$38,917.43
CAPITAL IMPR EXCEPT BUILDINGS		
Appropriation		$175,700.00
Paid:		
FD Dry Hydrant Maint	$299.25	
Town Beach - Recreation	170,000.00	
Cemetery Maint	1,686.00	
Wage & Salary Study	2000.00	
Total Paid		$173,985.25
CAPITAL RESERVE		
Appropriation		$75,000.00
Paid:		
Cotton Hill Road	$25,000.00	
Public Works Facility	50,000.00	
Total Paid		$75,000.00

1997 EMPLOYEE WAGES PAID

Albert Akerstrom	$41,853.50	Bradley A. Lawrence	3,785.81
Mark A. Akerstrom	2,566.13	Roxanne L. Lawrence	2,319.06
Robert S. Akerstrom	2,404.31	Norman J. Lemay	26,506.68
Joshua A. Bagley	3,338.74	Mark 8. Lewandoski	41,232.04
Everett W. Bailey	333.33	Brian J. Loanes	39,722.97
Gary G. Boisvert	25,309.92	Richard W. Mann	32,813.37
Diana A. Bourque	85.00	Diane M. Marden	14,844.87
Arilda M. Brown	62.50	James F. Marden Sr.	37,853.82
Luther Brown	33,277.01	Karen A. McCarty	38,501.53
Richard A. Bryant	36,545.17	Michael P. McCarty	47,709.90
Adam Calnan	2,721.19	Jane Mcletchie	57.50
David Caron	333.33	Jeffrey P. Mellett	2,685.85
Stephen P. Carr	3,192.77	Kevin M. Mellett	1,795.37
Dana 8. Chase	3,489.71	David W. Mika	2,500.00
Loring Child	1,243.65	John R. Miller	2,158.44
Donna J. Cilley	15,416.30	Constance Mirski	82.50
Francis Clairmont	38,341.50	Georgia Moyse	60.57
Carl Cleveland Jr.	678.76	Pamela 8. Mugford	845.96
Patricia Clifford	6,793.44	Elaine M. Murphy	10,193.09
Sarah J. Cripps	1,762.56	Thomas M. Murphy	2,372.62
Steven H. Crockett	38,169.00	Michael A. Newhall	2,460.82
Candace L. Daigle	32,399.90	David C. Nielsen	42,855.08
Steven J. Dalton	1,185.68	Robert F. Normandin	983.23
James W. Davis	32,684.64	Charles 8. O'Connor	37,058.21
Linda Davis	7.28	Brenda J. Paquette	28,714.95
Merle Dewitt II	4,142.29	Ward R. Peterson	1,516.77
Audrey A. Ekberg	117.50	Theresa D. Ralls	9,041.25
David L. Estes	35,625.01	Joanne L. Ricard	12,427.22
Robert C. Ferris Jr.	1,573.07	Suzanne S. Roberts	333.34
Steven Fournier	150.00	John A. Rymes	51.00
Gregory A. Gaudet	2,132.62	Timothy D. Shedd	375.29
Wayne E. Ginnow	25,910.43	Richard K. Siegel	37,089.13
Gregory W. Gordon	1,614.62	Gerd Stewart	5,000.00
Frederic J. Greene	34,960.95	Charles D. Storez	1,527.66
Doralyn Harper	33,792.72	Lorraine Sturtevant	72.50
Marcey M. Harriman	13,552.55	Matthew H. Upton	59,000.24
Bruce R. Hibbard	5,472.58	Lori Ann Walker	24,752.39
Jeffrey Huckins Sr.	917.25	Herbert I. Weeks	4,588.41
Susan R. Jesseman	2,987.78	Nikki J. Wheeler	3,235.00
Carol A. Lacasse	25,960.85	Eric E. Wilking	3,417.13
Norman N. Lacasse	30,503.83	Linda S. Wilking	2,270.85
		TOTAL WAGES PAID	$1,128,421.79

1997 TAX RATES

TOWN OF BELMONT

Town Appropriations	$3,935,053	
Less: Town Revenues	2,270,591	
Less: Shared Revenues	29,890	
Add: Overlay	150,781	
War Service Credits	54,600	
Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxes	$1,839,953	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town Tax Effort	$1,839,953	
Municipal Tax Rate		$7.30

SCHOOL PORTIONS

Due to Local School	$0	
Due to Regional School	6,350,406	
Less: Shared Revenues	89,046	
Net School Appropriation	6,261,360	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	6,261,360	
School(s) Tax Rate		$24.85

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	$553,780	
Less: Shared Revenues	6,128	
Net County Appropriation	547,652	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved County Tax Effort	547,652	
County Tax Rate		$2.17
Combined Tax Rate		$34.32
Total Property Taxes Assessed	$8,648,965	
Less: War Service Credits	(54,600)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
Total Property Tax Commitment	$8,594,365	

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
$252,009,449	$34.32	$8,648,365

Belmont Library Profit & Loss Statement
1/1/97 Through 12/31/97

Category Description	1/1/97–12/31/97	
INCOME/EXPENSE		
INCOME		
Beginning bal		8,346.26
Fines		423.30
Gift Received		857.00
Int Inc		64.95
Operate		8,547.45
TOTAL INCOME		18,238.96
EXPENSES		
Books		7,528.73
Misc		379.89
Repairs		3,211.39
Supplies		502.40
Temp Help		1,009.20
Utilities:		
Fuel	1,057.20	
Gas & Electric	614.88	
Water	271.75	
TOTAL Utilities		1,943.83
Workcomp		87.00
Uncategorized Expenses		0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		14,662.44
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE		3,576.52

Belmont Library Balance Sheet by Year
As of 12/31/97

Acct	1/9/97 Balance	12/31/97 Balance
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
library	8,346.26	3,576.52
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	8,346.26	3,576.52
TOTAL ASSETS	8,346.26	3,576.52
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
EQUITY	8,346.26	3,576.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	8,346.26	3,576.52

LIBRARIANS REPORT

1997 CIRCULATION:
Non-fiction:

Adult	723
Juvenile	941

Fiction

Adult	4,246
Juvenile	5,899
Magazines	1,087
Videos	6
Books borrowed through ILL*	166
Books loaned through ILL*	31
Total Circulation:	13,099

*Inter-Library Loan

1997 was a very good year for **Your** Library. We had an increase in circulation of 1,143 over last year. We signed up a total of 224 new patrons, bringing our total membership to 1,532.

We are looking for BIG things to be happening here over the next year and into the future.

We will be having a Summer Reading program. Notices will be sent to the schools before June vacation.

Once again, I want to thank Susan Rhodes for all of her help this past year. Also all the other volunteers and Karen Matson who did the Summer Storytime.

Joanne Ricard
Librarian
Belmont Public Library

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE THE TOWN OF BELMONT ON DECEMBER 31, 1997

(Unaudited)

No. of Shares	Description of Investment	Beginning Balance	Additions Purchases	Additions Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sale	Gains or (Losses) From Sale	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Interest
	COMMON FUNDS											
17015.806	Seligman Common	$183,616.69		$31,685.95			$215,302.64	$2,704.70	$4,979.78	$4,335.60	$3,348.88	$218,651.52
1292.622	T. Rowe Price	$16,847.68		$2,581.93			$19,429.61	$1,363.38	$795.47	$505.18	$1,653.67	$21,083.28
12308.855	Fidelity Fund	$183,522.24		$27,236.00			$210,758.24	$375.24	$3,697.74	$3,610.01	$462.97	$211,221.21
689.6	Eaton Vance	$5,020.51		$563.69			$5,584.20	$247.14	$125.90	$141.98	$231.06	$5,815.26
1795.9678	Fidelity Utilities Income	$14,968.18	$0.00	$3,627.29			$18,595.47	$4,381.48	$718.58	$0.00	$5,100.06	$23,695.53
	Citizens Bank - CD	$7,479.30					$7,479.30	$0.00	$379.68		$379.68	$7,858.98
	Citizens Bank - Checking							$14,977.37			$16,403.44	$16,403.44
	TOTAL	$411,454.60	$0.00	$65,694.86			$477,149.46	$24,049.31	$10,697.15	$8,592.77	$27,579.76	$504,729.22
	OTHER FUNDS											
	Duffy Trust (Various)	$64,074.91		$5,583.57			$69,658.48	$67,420.87	$6,159.79	$245.06	$73,335.60	$142,994.08
650.386	Lamprey (Mass Inv. Growth)	$5,056.20		$833.20			$5,889.40	$694.92	$403.61	$0.00	$1,098.53	$6,987.93
156	Jamestown Cem.	$2,662.50					$2,662.50	$877.09	$280.80	$0.00	$1,157.89	$3,820.39
	'(Fleet Bank Stock)											
	CAPITAL RESERVE		Reinvestments		Maturity & Date		Add'l. Approp.			Withdrawal	Interest from FY '97	Market Value
	Shaker Regional Maintenance	$0.00					$20,000.00				$50.03	$20,050.03
	Public Works Facility	$0.00					$50,000.00				$0.00	$50,000.00
	Belmont Fire	$196,534.27								($200,184.90)	$3,650.63	($0.00)
	Belmont Highway	$30,092.37									$1,656.58	$31,748.95
	Winnisquam Fire	$45,389.61								($47,797.23)	$2,407.62	($0.00)
	Cotton Hill Road	$40,000.00					$25,000.00				$2,121.80	$67,121.80
	Cemetery Maintenance	$0.00					$2,000.00				$0.00	$2,000.00
ALL FUNDS		$795,264.46										$829,452.40

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
01-01-97 through 12-31-97

	Balance 01-01-97	Receipts and Transfers During Period	Disbursements and Transfers During Period	Balance 12-31-97
GENERAL FUND				
Citizens Bank (checking)	228.803.25	26,055,490.73	26,139,993.53	144.300.4
Citizens Bank (Investments)	1,792,915.53	15,318,567.52	15,411.483.05	1.700,000.0
Citizens Bank (payroll)	17,573.98	815.824.41	814.661.15	18,737.2
First Deposit National Bank (Tax Collector checking)	124.35	3.084.052.72	3.084.064.27	112.8
AMBULANCE FUND				
First Deposit National Bank	97,268.63	51,214.17	18.754.57	129.728.2
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
First Deposit National Bank	168.17	1.085.56	.00	1.253.7
SEWER DEPARTMENT				
Citizens Bank (Village NOW acct.)	132.584.80	294.533.79	170.619.03	256,499.5
Citizens Bank (Winnis.NOW acct.)	90,576.26	99,242.39	95,016.52	94,802.1
Citizens Bank (Winnis. Ck.)	8.897.85	20.222.91	29,120.76	.0
Citizens Bank (Ladd Hill)	125,788.49	90,484.23	8,157.59	208,115.1
Citizens Bank (Ladd Hill-Retainage)	18,691.29	458.07	19,149.36	.0
WATER DEPARTMENT				
First Deposit National Bank (Village Ck.)	53,377.43	122,215.24	130,601.23	44,991.4
First Deposit National Bank (Winnis. Ck.)	18,286.18	22,308.02	15,995.42	24.598.7
First Deposit National Bank (Village C.D.)	89,017.80	4,674.36	.00	93,692.1
First Deposit National Bank (Village C.D.)	23,535.87	1,303.35	.00	24,839.2
Citizens Bank (Village M.M.)	26,868.91	1.180.35	.00	28,049.2
Citizens Bank (Winnis. M.M.)	4,973.60	121.66	.00	5,095.2
ESCROW ACCOUNTS				
First Deposit National Bank	21,255.06	4.500.91	3.342.50	22,413.4
TOTALS	2,750,707.45	45,987,480.39	45,940,958.98	2,797,228.8

Respectfully submitted

GERD STEWART
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
TOWN OF BELMONT

PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	VILLAGE SEWER	LANDFILL	TOTAL
1998	55,000		55,000
1999	55,000		55,000
2000	55,000		55,000
2001	55,000		55,000
2002	55,000		55,000
2003	55,000		55,000
2004	55,000		55,000
TOTALS	$385,000	$0	$385,000

INTEREST PAYMENTS	VILLAGE SEWER	LANDFILL	TOTAL
1998	33,986		33,986
1999	28,672		28,672
2000	23,247		23,247
2001	17,686		17,686
2002	13,596		13,596
2003	8,071		8,071
2004	2,720		2,720
TOTALS	$127,978	$0	$127,978

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board
Town of Belmont, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Belmont as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Belmont management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Belmont as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Belmont. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Grzelak & Company, P.C.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire

May 9, 1997

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT
Year Ending December 31, 1997

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
JAN 7	Laconia, NH	Carlie Aleata Burrows	Michael Steven Burrows	Jody Lyn Reed
7	Laconia, NH	Brian Marcus Weeks	Marcus James Weeks	Christina Ann Bolduc
12	Lebanon, NH	Gillian Paige Gorse	James William Gorse	Susan Marie White
12	Lebanon, NH	Isabel Catherine Gorse	James William Gorse	Susan Marie White
13	Laconia, NH	Cody Robert Stanton	Robert Francis Stanton	Darlene Marie Drouin
21	Laconia, NH	Shannon Olivia Conway	Alan Joseph Conway	Angela Jean Durgin
FEB 7	Concord, NH	Joseph Bernard Levesque	Bernard Joseph Levesque	Nancy Anne Carey
9	Laconia, NH	Brenna Caitlin Droney	Michael Susan Droney	Debra Susan Colbath
10	Laconia, NH	Brandon Dana Pearl	Dana Rodney Pearl	Lisa Mary Smith
19	Concord, NH	Matthew Rodney Doucette	Timothy Paul Doucette	Pauline Dubois
MAR 2	Franklin, NH	Makayla Marie Gorman	Steven Eric Gorman	Jennifer Eva Hurst
8	Laconia, NH	Christopher John Duggan	William Duggan, Jr.	Laura Ann Cage
24	Laconia, NH	Matthew Nathan Niskala	Eric Andrew Niskala	Kimberly Jane Gillan
26	Concord, NH	Michael Joshua Laflam	Daniel Gary Laflam	Dawn Marie Poirier
APR 1	Laconia, NH	Andrew Lawrence Derosia	Lawrence John Derosia	Jacqueline Marie Boisvert
2	Laconia, NH	Damon Russell Davis	Russell Darwin Davis, Jr.	Sherri Jean Hildreth
4	Laconia, NH	Shea Theresa Callahan	Matthew Shawn Callahan	Christine Alicia Shea
8	Laconia, NH	Taega Joseph Ainsworth	Dana Lee Ainsworth	Tammi Lynn Gagnon
13	Concord, NH	Laura Lillian Davies	Daniel Moore Davies	Tobey Stanforth Partch
29	Laconia, NH	Dakota Dylan Morris	Ronnie Lee Morris	Lisa Kay Whitesell
MAY 6	Laconia, NH	Justin Thomas Taylor	Thomas Elliott Taylor	Suzanne Bergeron
9	Laconia, NH	Jackelyn Elizabeth Robarge	William L. Robarge, Jr.	Donna Mary Bolduc
10	Laconia, NH	Alyssa Ann Moodie	Michael John Moodie	Jennifer Sue Hart
30	Laconia, NH	Leland James Littlefield	Kenneth Wayne Littlefield	Sandra Ann Burns
JUN 4	Laconia, NH	Gdebanen Noodenimin-David Clarke	Dana William Clarke	Gwendolyn Linn Williams
6	Concord, NH	Megan Felicia Ross	David Patrick Ross	Janet Clare Roberts
20	Concord, NH	Madeline Anne Blajda	Donald Wayne Blajda	Michele Marie Randolph
20	Laconia, NH	Colin William Shaw	Frank Edwin Shaw	Lisa Ann Dubois
21	Laconia, NH	Alexandria J. Copp	Roger Wayne Copp	Anne Marie Marquis
JUL 8	Lebanon, NH	David Christopher Wayne Prentice	Benjamin Paul Prentice	Jennifer Lynn De Forge

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT
Year Ending December 31, 1997

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
11	Laconia, NH	Richard Joel Scacheri	Richard Aloysius Scacheri	Lisa Marie Robinson
29	Concord, NH	Kaitlin Page Fitzgerald	Richard William Fitzgerald, Jr.	Kathleen Joan Kitson
AUG 7	Laconia, NH	Cori Jones Heimlich	Raymond Scott Heimlich	Jerilynn Anne Jones
10	Concord, NH	Jakeob Dylan Jackson	David Arthur Jackson	Patrice Lyn Sawyer
13	Laconia, NH	Parker James Plourde	Jeremy Scott Plourde	Rebecca Ann Hawthorne
19	Laconia, NH	Audrey Lynn Schroth	David Charles Schroth, Sr.	Lora Ann Cormier
28	Laconia, NH	James Patrick Duggan	Paul Lawrence Duggan	Jayme Lee Reever
SEPT 4	Laconia, NH	Nicholas Allen Langlitz	Bruce Allen Langlitz	Rebecca Thelma Hyslop
7	Laconia, NH	Tyler Michael Minery	Brent Allan Minery, Sr.	Beth Ann Rachdorf
12	Laconia, NH	Nicole Sunshine Patten	Roy Kenneth Patten	Tricia Sunshine Hazzard
21	Laconia, NH	Brooke Elizabeth Thurber	John Spencer T. Thurber	Cheryl Fay Wahlstrom
29	Laconia, NH	Delaney Rae Salway	Scott Allan Salway	Jodene Kaye Barton
OCT 22	Laconia, NH	Dylan Richard Bull	Matthew Alan Bull	Robyn Lynn Bolsterle
NOV 1	Laconia, NH	Alexis Paige Sanborn	Todd Edwin Sanborn	Nanette Marie Gilbert
22	Laconia, NH	Devon Michael Huckins	Daniel Lyndon Huckins	Andrea Marie Colprit
27	Laconia, NH	Caleb John Phillips	Shawn Thomas Phillips	April Lynn Laraway
DEC 2	Laconia, NH	Joshua Daniel Binette	Richard Joseph Binette, Jr.	Pamela Ann MacDonald
6	Concord, NH	Ryan Edward Fowler	Shaun Fowler	Elaine Veronica Kasheta
6	Laconia, NH	Daniel Brian Romprey, Jr.	Daniel Brian Romprey, Sr.	Dawn Lynn Freymuth
18	Laconia, NH	Megan Elizabeth Sargent	Clayton Fred Sargent	Kimberley Ann Pelletier
DEC 30 1996	Concord, NH	Cheyenne Laura Longley	Stephen Victor Longley	Carolee Greene

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT
Year Ending December 31, 1997

DATE		NAME OF BRIDE & GROOM	AGE	RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
JAN	4	Aaron William Kirk	19	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Holly May Bouchard	19	Belmont, NH	
	25	Adam Neil Waite	31	Belmont, NH	Hopkinton, NH
		Stephanie Lynn Skelley	29	Belmont, NH	
FEB	8	Bruce J. Taillefer	36	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Shelly A. Smith	27	Belmont, NH	
	14	Duane Paul Baron	34	Belmont, NH	Gilmanton, NH
		Robin Lee Quinn	36	Belmont, NH	
	14	Alain Jacques Colon	32	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
		Belinda Sue Woodworth	31	Laconia, NH	
	14	Bruce Allen Langlitz	31	Belmont, NH	Gilmanton, NH
		Rebecca T. Hyslop	25	Belmont, NH	
	14	Frederick Horace Partridge, Jr.	31	Belmont, NH	Franklin, NH
		Patricia Ann Roy	35	Belmont, NH	
	14	Sean D. Tsantoulis	22	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Nancy Lee Shaw	21	Belmont, NH	
	15	Christopher Paul Demers	22	Loudon, NH	Belmont, NH
		Kimberlee A. Atherton	22	Belmont, NH	
MAR	15	Richard Leroy Smith	57	Tuftonboro, NH	Laconia, NH
		June Patricia Fortin	49	Belmont, NH	
	24	Roy Kenneth Patten	46	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
		Tricia Sunshine Hazzard	21	Belmont, NH	
APR	7	Paul Anthony Faella	26	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Kathleen S. Van Harakal	33	Belmont, NH	
	10	Albert John Nadeau, Jr.	42	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
		Kathryn Velman Lawrence	33	Belmont, NH	
MAY	2	Richard A. Scacheri	24	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Lisa Marie Robinson	24	Belmont, NH	
	3	James Emile Binette	25	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Jody Leigh Hannon	22	Belmont, NH	
	3	Roland Leo Patten, Jr.	26	Belmont, NH	Gilmanton, NH
		Naomi Rae Baron	23	Belmont, NH	
	23	Richard Ellsworth Converse	46	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
		Patricia Ellen Smith	44	Ayre, MA	
	24	Robert Edward Leroux	24	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Dawn Marie Phillips	21	Belmont, NH	
	24	Shawn Kevin Minor	26	Belmont, NH	Moultonboro, NH
		Jennie Marion Seuss	21	Belmont, NH	
	24	Scott Charles Sullivan	27	Concord, NH	Concord, NH
		Allison Ann Rushbrook	28	Belmont, NH	
	31	Gary Anthony Dow	36	Belmont, NH	Franklin, NH
		Chrissy Diana Shaw	27	Belmont, NH	
JUN	21	Craig Alan Rumery	29	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Jenniferann Andrea Dupont	22	Belmont, NH	
	28	Thomas Paul Boisvert	42	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
		Jean-Louise Illeashia Manning	26	Belmont, NH	

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DATE	NAME OF BRIDE & GROOM	AGE	RESIDENCE	WHERE MARRIED
28	David Jonathan Brobst	20	Belmont, NH	Tilton, NH
	Stacey Lynn Bates	21	Belmont, NH	
JULY 5	Wayne David Thibodeau, Jr.	25	Belmont, NH	Boscawen, NH
	Tina Marie Hilliard	22	Belmont, NH	
20	James Eugene Seraiva	40	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Wanda Lee Batdorf	26	Belmont, NH	
19	Dennis E. Lapointe	44	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Rebecca R. Kimball	41	Belmont, NH	
21	Nicholas A. Georges	26	Cambridge, MA	Belmont, NH
	Sarah Elizabeth Brooks	26	Cambridge, MA	
26	Steven Richard Folsom	40	Gilford, NH	Belmont, NH
	Theresa D. Hamel	36	Belmont, NH	
26	Gary G. Sargent	49	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Carol A. Lachance	48	Belmont, NH	
30	Mark B. Lewandoski	39	Belmont, NH	Sanbornton, NH
	Donna J. Duggan	37	Belmont, NH	
AUG 1	Patrick Allen Patten	29	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Corina Elaine Christy	21	Belmont, NH	
2	Brian Allen Cozzens, Jr.	30	Belmont, NH	Sanbornton, NH
	Mary Ann Maheux	34	Belmont, NH	
16	Dana Alden Aylward	41	Gilmanton, IW, NH	Gilmanton, NH
	Belinda Joy Dahood	41	Belmont, NH	
30	Peter Steven Guyer	40	Belmont, NH	Rye, NH
	Juanita Mary Anderson	34	Belmont, NH	
SEP 13	Bruce E. Kaler	28	Concord, NH	Belmont, NH
	Sandra L. Daoust	29	Belmont, NH	
27	Paul David Batakis	44	Belmont, NH	Rye, NH
	Margaret Joan Cartier	40	Belmont, NH	
27	Arthur Windsor Ultsch	44	Belmont, NH	Grafton, NH
	Susan McKinlay	55	Belmont, NH	
OCT 4	David Michael Degler	25	Belmont, NH	Wolfeboro, NH
	Jocelyn Susan Duhaime	24	Belmont, NH	
11	John C. Hughes, Jr.	52	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Beverly M. Hickey	51	Belmont, NH	
11	Norman P. Lacoste	34	Belmont, NH	Sanbornton, NH
	Donna L. Moulton	40	Belmont, NH	
12	William Charles Perez	29	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Rose Michelle Shaw	31	Belmont, NH	
12	Christopher Bently Sewell	32	Jersey City, NJ	Belmont, NH
	Rachael Elizabeth Clark	28	Jersey City, NJ	
18	Todd Lewis Pelletier	25	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Michelle Deanne Booker	22	Belmont, NH	
25	Ronald Dean Nelson	30	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Julianna Kathryn Steuer	31	Laconia, NH	
31	David Francis Flanders	30	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Michelle Lynn Morin	22	Belmont, NH	

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	31	Karl James Grantz	31	Worcester, MA	Belmont, NH
		Sabrina Lynnette Sinclair	29	Framingham, MA	
NOV	8	Brett Edward Sottak	27	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Jennifer Lee Jewell	25	Belmont, NH	
	15	Christopher Kenneth Black	28	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
		Kristina Leah Hale	26	Belmont, NH	
	15	Buddy Carchide	27	Belmont, NH	Concord, NH
		Shelly Lynn Crathern	25	Boscawen, NH	
	29	Gordon Bradley Thorn	24	Port Colborne, CN	Laconia, NH
		Carol Ann Chase	22	Belmont, NH	
DEC	5	John J. Irwin	41	Laconia, NH	Moultonboro, NH
		Julie A. Hamel	33	Belmont, NH	
	6	Robert L. Mayo	40	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
		Debra Ann Bourassa	39	Ctr. Barnstead, NH	
	15	Charles Edward Hartford	22	Belmont, NH	Northfield, NH
		Bridgett Dey Hamel	20	Belmont, NH	

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DATE		PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE
JAN	3	Laconia, NH	Anita H. Boyd	76	F	Franklin, NH
FEB	1	Belmont, NH	Grace Ruth Jewell	76	F	Franklin, NH
	16	Belmont, NH	Edward Allen Sharps	42	M	Laconia, NH
MAR	5	Laconia, NH	Abbie Anna Turner	84	F	Reading, MA
	16	Laconia, NH	David Lewis Trombley, Sr.	76	M	Marlborough, NH
	26	Belmont, NH	Lee Chernen	87	F	New York, New York
APR	24	Lebanon, NH	Susan Jean Fortin	48	F	Vassalboro, ME
MAY	3	Laconia, NH	Ruth Thistle Gear	91	F	Beverly, MA
JUN	7	Laconia, NH	Walter Edward Hobbs	55	M	Laconia, NH
	21	Franklin, NH	Nancy A. Spearman	60	F	Concord, NH
JUL	16	Belmont, NH	Rev. Donald Beckley Corringham	74	M	St. John, New Brunswick, Canada
	31	Lebanon, NH	Robert Thomas Moore	68	M	Brockton, MA
AUG	6	Belmont, NH	John Richard Janerico, Sr.	87	M	Woburn, MA
	8	Laconia, NH	Edward Harold Tracey Jr.	40	M	Fall River, MA
	15	Belmont, NH	Robert Otis Menchin	70	M	Winchester, MA
	26	Laconia, NH	Donald Palmer Cyr	78	M	Tilton, NH
SEP	8	Laconia, NH	Atwood Newton Hardy	90	M	Highwater, Quebec, Canada
	10	Laconia, NH	Frances Marie Leith	77	F	Laconia, NH
	15	Belmont, NH	Ernest Raymond Pickering	75	M	Meredith, NH
	25	Laconia, NH	Robert Fortunat Normandin	70	M	Laconia, NH
NOV	22	Laconia, NH	Francis Page Messer	55	M	Nashua, NH
	25	Belmont, NH	Richard Lucas	54	M	Wilton, NH
DEC	20	Belmont, NH	Harliegh Bernard Bouwens	16	M	Laconia, NH
	29	Laconia, NH	Yvonne Aurore Torrey	92	F	Berwick, ME